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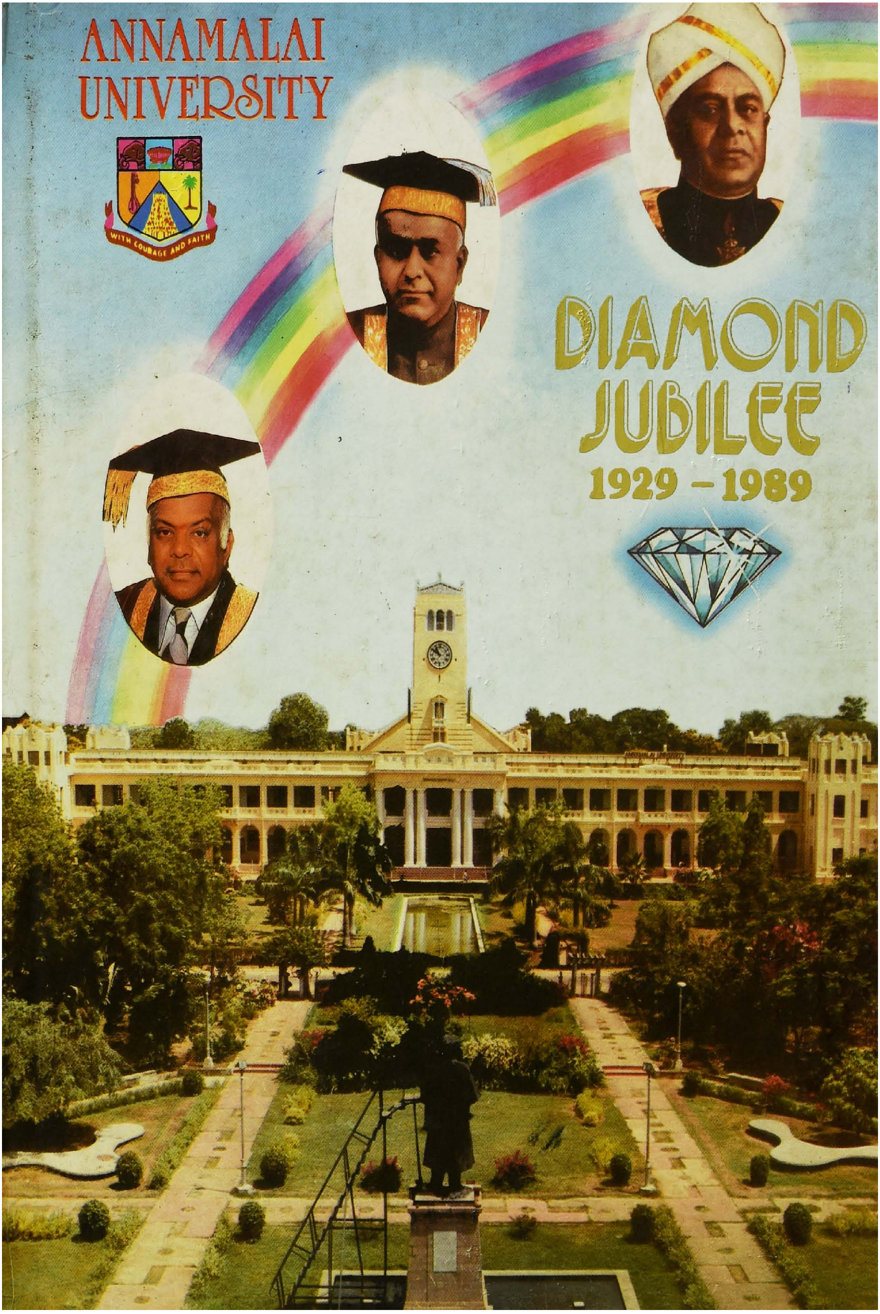

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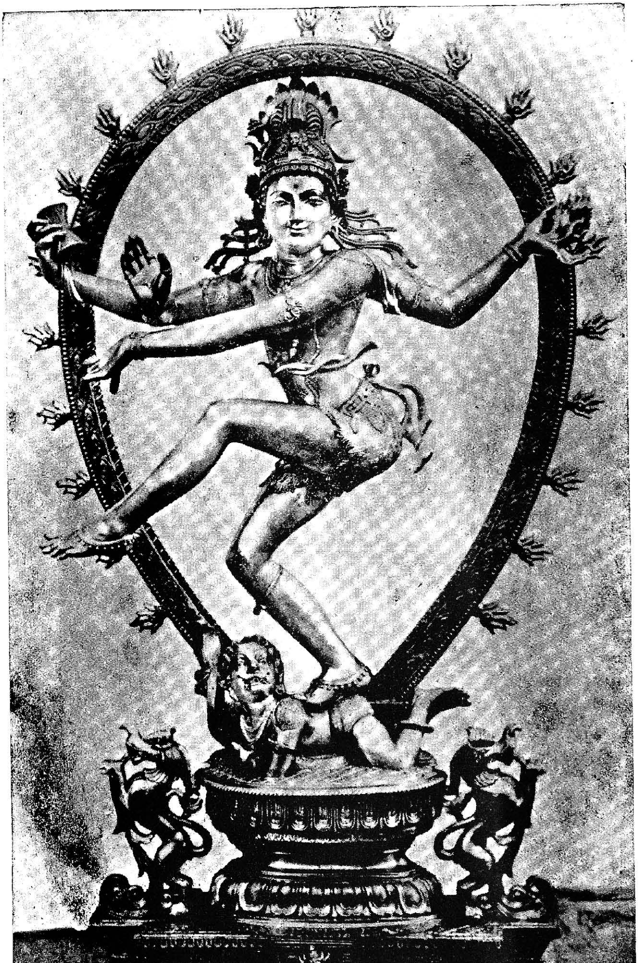

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Prolegomena

We deem it an honour and a coveted privilege to bring out this colourful and attractive Souvenir of the Annamalai University to mark its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations being held in December 1989. And our profound delight is that the grand event is being inaugurated by His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman, our revered President of India. On behalf of the Souvenir Committee it was given to me to invite messages of greetings, reminiscences and lyrical compositions for inclusion in the Souvenir from very distinguished personages in different walks of life — from political dignitaries, judges, Vice-Chancellors, industrialists, intellectuals and bards of repute. And the response has been at once spontaneous and heart-warming as will be evident from the sparkling bouquet of eulogies received from them that make this special number a feast for the reader's mind and heart. We are indeed highly indebted to them for their gracious gesture.

Our great President of India His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman, who by the way is our most distinguished Alumnus of our University, that too one from our Tamil Nadu to adorn the most exalted office of the land, has in his message extolled the services rendered by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the famed Founder of the University thus: "Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was not only a prince among munificent donors but also a visionary and builder who wanted to create a perpetual stream of enlightened Indians during the centuries ahead."

Our esteemed Prime Minister, Hon'ble Shri Vishwanath Pratap Singh, in his worthy message of greetings heartily congratulates the University on its praiseworthy achievements thus: "The University has made a significant contribution to the world of learning and to nation-building. Its Alumni have distinguished themselves in different fields and have done their University and country proud."

Our revered Deputy Prime Minister, Hon'ble Shri Devi Lal, bestowing his encomiums on the Founder and referring to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations observes: "This is an occasion to remember the late Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar whose magnificent philanthropy and amazing vision were solely responsible for the University to blossom into one of the excellent centres of higher learning, besides becoming the Mecca of Tamil learning, research, art and culture."

Referring to the uniqueness of the devoted act of the Founder of the University, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, our esteemed Governor, has this to say in his message of tribute: "To establish a residential University in a relatively out of the way rural area, and that too in a decade which witnessed a long spell of severe economic depression was indeed a great act of courage and faith." Showering his accolades on the great Founder, his illustrious son, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and his equally worthy grandson, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, for bringing up the University to the level of being recognised as a splendorous light-house of education and enlightenment, our beloved Chief Minister Hon'ble Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi, in his glowing message in Tamil, refers pointedly to the honest daring and unshakeable faith with which the University has been preparing the youth of the country for the challenges facing them. Hon'ble Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Minister of Education, himself an Alumnus of rare distinction, expresses his hope that his Alma Mater, fondly nurtured by the Founder and his son and grandson, will strive hard to promote and strengthen its research activities in Tamil Culture as much as in Science and Technology so as to meet the imperative demands of the present changing times.

Other dignitaries who have sent their congratulatory messages include Governors of other States, Ministers of the Tamil Nadu Government, Judges, Vice-Chancellors, academicians, industrialists, poets, etc.; they have paid their rich tributes to the noble Chettinad Family and the Annamalai University in highly appreciative terms. Apart from messages of greetings and good wishes, the biographical sketches of three Founder-Pro-Chancellors Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, interesting recollections of some of those who had served the University like our profoundly erudite Governor himself, and panegyric verses make the Souvenir a cornucopia of interesting facts and enlivening anecdotes which, we hope, will make the reader feel as if he is being taken on an exciting voyage of discovery.

A glance at the sixty-year saga of the University's spectacular growth and the reports of its Departments of study included in the Souvenir can hardly fail to give the impression to the reader that the Founder's aims and aspirations have been kept in perspective by the Management, the Faculty and the students with the participative strategy of implementation having been evolved in regard to policy formulation, curriculum construction and reconstruction, emphasis on quality, equity and excellence, stimulation of the professional growth of teachers, the University-Industry partnership, the social accountability of higher education and above all the cultivation of those arts and studies that mellow character and chasten outer and inner life. Further, it will be seen how the University, having given the go-by to the traditional 'ivory tower' approach to higher education has in the last one

decade been educating literally through its 'Distance Education' programmes thousands of men and women who work in offices, firms, factories, mills and even schools all over the country and at the same time 'earn' degrees and diplomas. This significant achievement, need I say, constitutes a purple patch in the chronicle of the University.

The Souvenir Committee, with the help and guidance of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan, zealously worked as a dedicated team, charged with a sense of high purpose and urgency to fulfil an assignment of no mean importance. If we have succeeded in getting ready this publication in record time and making it look captivating, it is mostly because of the arduous and unremitting efforts put forth by Dr. R. Ganapathy, Professor of English and Editor, and his assistants, Dr. R. Dakshinamoorthy, Dr. PL. Muthuveerappan, Dr. F. Abdul Rahim and Thiru L. Thirunavukkarasu, on the one hand, and Thiru G. Mayuresan, Assistant Works Manager, Thiru D. Jeganathan, Press Superintendent, Thiru J.B.D. Mani, Foreman and the dedicated team of technical assistants of the Annamalai University Press, on the other, who executed their work with considerable care and gusto. Major M. Kunjithapatham, Special Officer, Diamond Jubilee, entrusted with the responsibility of aiding the Souvenir Committee, has played his role with appreciable ardour. Mr. Edwin Samuel, Assistant Public Relations Officer of the University, too has been of considerable assistance to the Committee. The cover page which makes the Souvenir aesthetically eye-catching, has been designed beautifully by Thiru Manianselvam, a well-known artist of Madras. To all these people, the Souvenir Committee and I, as the Chairman, are greatly beholden for their valued help, support and cooperation.

We tender our most grateful thanks to our beloved Chief Minister, Hon'ble Dr. Kalaignar, for so kindly agreeing to release the scintillating Diamond Jubilee Souvenir.

Need I say that I am particularly indebted to Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Pro-Chancellor, for according me the honour of humbly serving the Annamalai University, my beloved Alma Mater, on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Dr. S.V. Chittibabu
Former Vice-Chancellor
and Chairman,
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MESSAGES

His Excellency Rashtrapathi SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN
PRESIDENT OF INDIA

सत्यमेव जयते

राष्ट्रपति
भारत गणतंत्र
PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

On the auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Annamalai University, I have great pleasure in extending my warm felicitations to all those associated with this distinguished academic institution. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was not only a prince among munificent donors but also a visionary and builder who wanted to create a perpetual stream of enlightened Indians during the centuries ahead. The Annamalai University, his outstanding achievement, has been ably served by his son the late Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and his grandson Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the present Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. The Annamalai University, over the last six decades, has grown into an impressive institution which strives to encourage excellence in a great variety of disciplines. It is now something of a trend-setter in the context of our new educational objectives. May the University continue to fulfil the vision of its noble Founder and, in so doing, serve the cause of India's greatness as an enlightened civilization.

R. VENKATARAMAN

उप-राष्ट्रपति, भारत
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VICE-PRESIDENT
INDIA
NEW DELHI - 110011

I am glad that the Annamalai University is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in December this year.

I send my greetings and best wishes on this happy occasion.

S D Sharma

(S.D. Sharma)

His Excellency SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SHARMA
VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

Hon'ble Shri VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH
PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

सत्यमेव जयते

PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Annamalai University will be celebrating its diamond jubilee this year. The University has made a significant contribution to the world of learning and to nation-building. Its alumni have distinguished themselves in different fields and have done their university and country proud.

I send my good wishes to the staff and students of the Annamalai University on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the University and wish them the very best for the future.

[Vishwanath Pratap Singh]

New Delhi
5th December, 1989

सत्यमेव जयते

देवी लाल

उप-प्रधान मंत्री, भारत

DEVI LAL

Deputy Prime Minister of India

New Delhi

I am extremely happy to learn that the Annamalai University is due to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee this year. This is an occasion to remember the late Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar whose magnificent philanthropy and amazing vision were solely responsible for the University to blossom into one of the excellent centres of higher learning besides becoming the Mecca of Tamil learning, research, art and culture. What can be a bigger proof of the eminence of this great centre of learning than the fact that its alumni include no less a person than our revered President of India, Shri R. Venkataraman !

The Centre has been ably nurtured by Shri Chettiar's equally worthy successors, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

I feel honoured to send my heartiest greetings to the people of Tamilnadu and pray that the great institution continues to be a source of inspiration and enlightenment not only in the State but all over the country.

(DEVI LAL)

Hon'ble Shri DEVI LAL
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Dr. P.C. ALEXANDER

Governor of Tamilnadu.

Tamil Nadu has always had a great tradition of discerning philanthropy. Men of goodwill and munificence have, from time immemorial, given generously for the promotion of art and literature and for charitable causes like establishment and maintenance of places of worship, rest houses, irrigation tanks, etc. Later, education started getting the support of philanthropists and very soon, medical aid also received such patronage. However, no philanthropist in Tamil Nadu has given so much support and shown such intense interest and devotion to higher education as Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar had done in the twenties of the present century. To establish a residential University in a relatively out-of-the-way rural area, and that too in a decade which witnessed a long spell of severe economic depression, was indeed a great act of courage and faith.

Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was not only generous with his money but was equally generous with his time and personal attention in his mission of building up the University. Though he himself did not have the experience of a formal University education, he brought to the task of building up the Annamalai University the rare gifts of a great educationist and administrator.

His illustrious son, Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, continued his good work and helped a great deal in developing the University as one of the top ranking centres of higher learning in India. The University is fortunate that the traditions of these two great philanthropists are being continued with great commitment by Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the present Pro-Chancellor.

The burden of financing higher education has now fallen mainly on the public exchequer. The resources of the Government are already over-stretched in trying to cope with the competing claims on them from various other equally important priority programmes. Some of the existing educational institutions do not have adequate infrastructural facilities and are, therefore, not able to do full justice to the tasks expected of them. In most Universities, the resources available for research are grossly inadequate and unlike in the case of the Universities in Western countries, funds from private sources have not been forthcoming in our country to support research on any appreciable scale. The Universities look up to the Government for additional support but resource constraints make it difficult for the Government to respond adequately to these demands.

One can only hope that the vision and foresight shown by Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar will serve as an inspiration to others to come forward with generous support to the cause of higher education in our country.

On this happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University, I send my congratulations and greetings to all those who have contributed to the growth of this great institution. I wish the University continued progress and excellence in the years to come.

His Excellency Dr. P.C. ALEXANDER
Governor of Tamilnadu and Chancellor of the University

மு. கருணாநிதி
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அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் அறுபதாம் ஆண்டு நிறைவு மணி விழாக் கொண்டாடுவதறிந்து பெரிதும் மகிழ்கிறேன்.

இந்த நூற்றாண்டின் தொடக்கத்திலிருந்தே "கழகம்" என்றால் தன்மான இயக்கமான திராவிடர் கழகம், திராவிட முன்னேற்றக் கழகம், தமிழ் நூல்களை வெளியிட்ட சைவ சித்தாந்த நூற்பதிப்புக் கழகம், தமிழ்நாட்டு இளைஞர்களுக்கு அறிவு விளக்கேற்றிய அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் என்ற நிறுவனங்களே தமிழ் மக்கள் நினைவில் நிழலாடும்.

தனியொரு பெருமகனார், தாம் திரட்டிய செல்வத்தின் பெரும் பகுதியைக் கல்வி வளர்ச்சிக்காகவே செலவிட்ட பெருமை அண்ணாமலை அரசரையே சாரும். திருக்கோயில்களின் திருப்பணிக்கே தாம் தேடிய செல்வத்தை வழங்குவதென்று வாழ்ந்த நகரத்தார் மரபில் புதுமையாளராக — வழிகாட்டியாக நின்று உயர்கல்வித்துறைக்கு ஒளியூட்டும் கலங்கரை விளக்க மாக ஒரு பல்கலைக் கழகத்தைக் கண்ட பண்பாளர் என்ற ஈடில்லாப் புகழை எய்திய அண்ணாமலை அரசரை,

'தழை தமிழ்நாட்டில்
உடைமை உடலுழைப்பு இரண்டும் உதவிய
கொடையிற் பெரிய கோமான் ஒருவனைக்
காட்டெனில் செட்டி நாட்டானைக் காட்டுவோம்'

என்று பாவேந்தர் பாரதிதாசன் பாராட்டினார். அண்ணாமலை அரசரும், வேந்தர் முத்தைய வேளும், இணைவேந்தர் எம். ஏ. எம். இராமசாமியும் வழி முறையாகவும் — தலைமுறையாகவும் புகழோடு திகழும் பெருமக்களாவர். இப்பெருமக்கள் செல்வச் செழுங்குடியைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் என்ற நிலையைக் கடந்து, தமிழின உணர்வு, தமிழிசைக்கு ஊட்டம், தமிழ் நலங்காக்கும் இந்தி எதிர்ப்புணர்ச்சி என்ற இலட்சியங்களில் தந்தை பெரியாரோடும், பேரறிஞர் அண்ணாவோடும், என்னோடும் "அன்பின் வழிவந்த கேண்மையராக" இருப்பதை அண்மையில் மதுரையில் நடந்த முத்தையவேள் சிலை திறப்பு விழாவில் நான் குறிப்பிட்டிருந்தேன்.

விண்ணை முட்டும் குன்றுகளும், கலைக் கோபுரங்களும் ஓங்கி நின்று அழகூட்டுவது போலப் பல்கலைக் கழகங்கள் பரவி, அறிவுக் கோயில்கள் ஆயிரமாகப் பல்க வேண்டும் என்பது நமது அரசின் குறிக்கோளாகும். மாஸ்கோ பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் மாபெரும் கட்டடங்களைப் பற்றிக் கூறும்போது, பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் ஒவ்வொரு அறையிலும் ஒரு நாள் தங்கினால் கூட அனைத்து அறைகளிலும் தங்கித் திரும்ப ஒருவருக்கு 60 ஆண்டுகள் பிடிக்கும் என்ற குறிப்பை நான் படித்து வியந்ததுண்டு. அந்த நிலை தமிழகப் பல்கலைக் கழகங்களுக்கும் அமைய வேண்டும்.

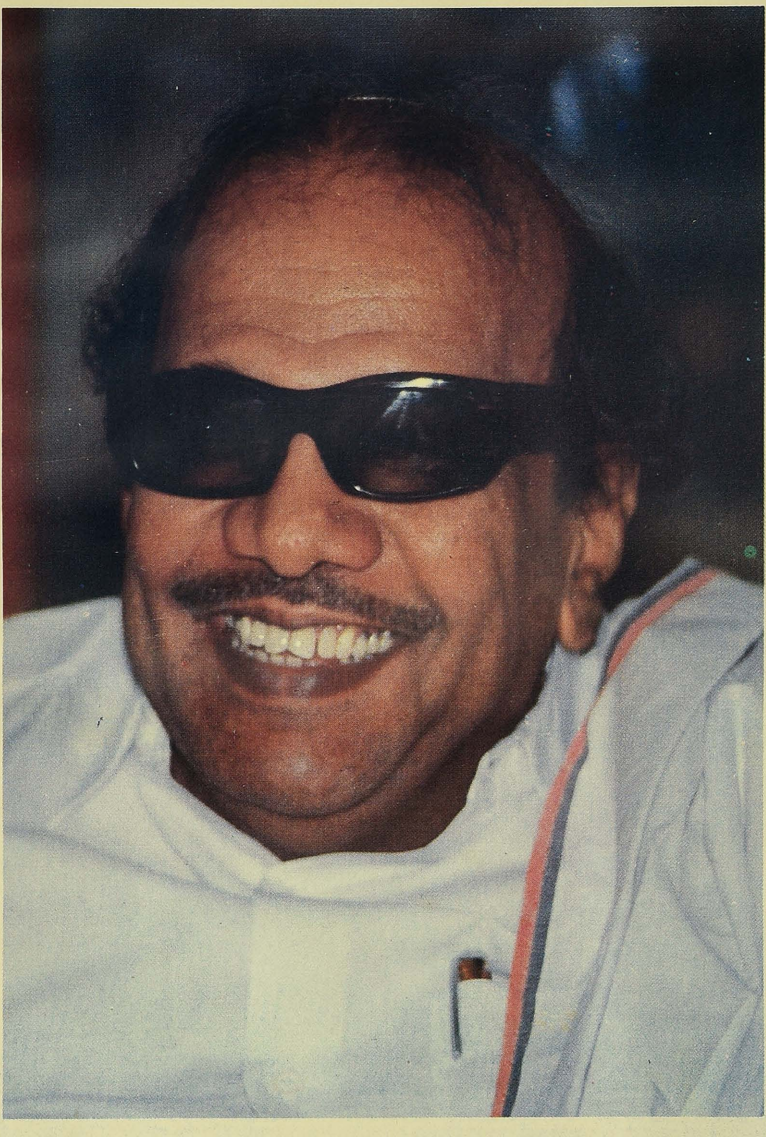
தமிழ்க் கலைகளோடு அறிவியற் கலைப் பிரிவுகள் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தோடு இணைந்து மேம்பட்டு வருகிறது. அலை அலையாகப் பெருகி வரும் புலத் துறைகள் பலவும் அவ்வப்போது பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் ஓங்குவதும் குறிக்கத்தக்கது. இணைவேந்தர் என் நண்பர் எம். ஏ. எம். அவர்கள் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் பெருமையைக் கட்டிக் காத்து வருவதைப் பாராட்டுகிறேன்.

பண்பாளர்களின் எழுச்சிச் சிறகுகளை வளர்க்கும் பறவைக் கூடாகவும் பகுத்தறிவு மறவர்களின் பாடி வீடாகவும் பல்கலைக் கழகங்கள் அமைய வேண்டும் என்பது கல்வியாளர்களின் நோக்கமாகும். அந்த நோக்கத்தை அழகுற நிறைவேற்றும் பெருமை அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்துக்கு இயல்பாகவே அமைந்துள்ளது.

இயற்கைச் சூழல், அமைதி தவழும் சிற்றூரின் அழகு, அகன்ற நிலப்பரப்பு, கல்வி வளர்ச்சிக்குரிய கலைப்புலம் என்றெல்லாம் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் பல்வேறு வாய்ப்புக்களைப் பெற்றுள்ளது. நேர்மையான துணிவும், தளராத நம்பிக்கையுமே அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் குறிக்கோள் மொழியாக அமைந்துள்ளது. இந்த அரிய நெறிகள் மாணவர் மனத்தில் தழைத்துச் செழிக்க வேண்டும்.

தமிழினத்துக்கு என்றும் துணைநிற்கும் அறிவரணமாக அண்ணா மலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் நீடுபுகழோடு நூற்றாண்டுகள் பல கண்டு ஒளிர வேண்டும் என்பது என் அவா.

(மு. கருணாநிதி)



Hon'ble Dr. KALAIGNAR M. KARUNANIDHI
CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU

ADARSH SEIN ANAND
Chief Justice of Madras
Madras

I am indeed happy to learn that the Annamalai University, founded by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, and now imparting advanced and updated knowledge and training in the Arts, Sciences and Technology and making significant contributions to the development of and research in Tamil Literature, Art and Culture, has completed sixty years of its useful service to the society and is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, on 14th December, 1989.

I convey my best wishes to the Institution on the epoch-making occasion and pray to the Almighty that the University may keep on serving the cause of education by promoting its highest ideals.

Dr. M.SATHIAH alias TAMILKUDIMAGAN
Speaker
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

The benevolence of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad and his keen insight and vision culminated in the founding of a University of such magnitude.

I venture to say that a University is not only an institution consciously devoted to the pursuit of knowledge, the solution of problems, the critical appreciation of the achievements of mankind and the training of men at a really high level, but also one that forms the ultimate secret of civilization.

May the University, devoted to high ideals, be a beacon light to dispel the darkness around us and be a source of inspiration and guidance in the field of education for generations to come. Let the motto, "With Courage and Faith", dominate all its endeavours.

I share the joy of this memorable occasion and my best wishes go to you and your institution.

Hon'ble Prof. K. ANBAZHAGAN
Minister for Education, Government of Tamilnadu

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அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வைரவிழா சிறப்புடன் கொண்டாடப்படுவது அறிந்து மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன்.

தமிழ்மொழியும், கலையும் பல்லாற்றானும் சிறப்புற்றுத் திகழச் செய்யும் குறிக்கோளுடனும், பலதுறைக் கல்வியிலும் தமிழகத்து மாணவர் பயிற்சியும் தேர்ச்சியும் அடையச் செய்யும் நோக்குடனும் — அறுபது ஆண்டுக் காலமும் தொடர்ந்து முன்னேற்றம் கண்டு வருவது அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்.

இந்தப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தைத் தோற்றுவித்திடும் செயற்கருஞ் செயலை உள்ளங் கொண்ட கொடை வள்ளல் அண்ணாமலை அரசரின் பீடும் பெருமையும் ஈடற்றவை. அவரது புகழொளி குன்றாது வளர்த்த இணை வேந்தர் செட்டிநாட்டரசர் எம்.ஏ.முத்தையா அவர்கள், பல்கலைக்கழக வளர்ச்சிக்கு ஆற்றிய தொண்டுகள் அனைவரின் போற்றுதலுக்கும் உரியவை. அந்தத் தொண்டுகள் தொடரத் துணை நிற்கும் — இந்நாள் இணைவேந்தர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களின் ஆர்வமும் பணியும் பாராட்டுக்குரியது.

பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பெருமைக்கும் சிறப்புக்கும் துணைநின்ற பெருமைசால் துணைவேந்தர்களும், அறிவுத்திறன் சிறந்த பேராசிரியர்களும் எந்நாளும் நினைந்து போற்றப்படுவர்.

இங்குப் பயின்று பட்டம் பெற்று வெளியுலகில் புகழ் சிறந்து விளங்கும் பலரையும் எண்ணிப் பார்ப்போர் — அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தொண்டினால் நாட்டிற்கு விளைந்த பெரும்பயனையும் நலனையும் போற்றி உரைத்திடாமலிருக்க முடியாது.

தமிழ் மக்களின் தனிச் சிறப்புடைய பண்பாடு ஒளிர்வதற்கும், தமிழ் மொழியின் பயன்பாடும் ஆற்றலும் ஓங்கி வளர்வதற்கும், காலத்தின் தேவையான அறிவியல் கல்வியும் ஆராய்ச்சியும் சிறந்து விளங்குவதற்கும் — அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மேலும் மேலும் வளர்ந்தோங்குக என வாழ்த்துகின்றேன்.

(க. அன்பழகன்)

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy

SAVE & STRIVE SERVE CHETTINAD

CHETTINAD HOUSE,
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On this auspicious occasion, when the Annamalai University, founded by the vision of my revered grand father, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, in 1929, at Annamalai Nagar, after the pattern of the great Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and fostered by my beloved father, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, will be shortly celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, my heart is full of gratitude to all those who have been helpful in the founding, establishment and growth of the University.

The Annamalai University has today blossomed into a vibrant centre of intellectual activity. We owe our thankfulness to the Union and State Governments and the UGC for their unstinted financial assistance and moral support, extended to the University during all these eventful years.

A number of new Faculties have been added after the Golden Jubilee and, as ordained by Providence, I fulfilled the ambition of my revered father, as my filial duty, by adding the Faculty of Medicine.

We are grateful to the people of Tamil Nadu in whose affections the University has already secured an abiding place. On this memorable occasion, I wish to echo the earnest prayer of my revered father that it should continue to serve the people in the same spirit of dedicated service in the years to come.

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(Dr. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY)

Dr. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY
FOUNDER PRO-CHANCELLOR

Prof. Rm. SETHUNARAYANAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR

ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY,
ANNAMALAINAGAR P.O. 608002

As one associated with the Annamalai University for over forty years as student, academic and administrator, I am extremely delighted to offer my heartiest felicitations to my Alma Mater, on the eve of her Diamond Jubilee.

The passing of sixty years for a person, and more so, for an institution, is indeed a momentous and memorable experience. Founded sixty years ago, by the great vision and grand philanthropy of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, and nurtured zealously and assiduously by his son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, and now entrusted to the dynamic stewardship of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, who continues the great traditions of his father and grand father, the Annamalai University has grown from strength to strength, not only establishing itself as a premier institution of higher learning and research in the country, but also addressing itself in various ways to the needs of this socially backward district of South Arcot.

To mention only a few, the University has established the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital and is doing yeoman service for the health care of the community at large in this District. The Faculties of Agriculture and Engineering and Technology ushered in modern and innovative methods for the improvement of farming, rice production, rice milling, rural housing, and sanitation. The Directorate of Distance Education has taken the learning process to the very doorsteps of the learner in our country and also abroad, with a number of attractive and professionally useful courses of study at all levels.

On the one hand, there is an avowed and traditional emphasis on the learning of Tamil Language and Culture, Music and the Arts, and on the other, the University is avidly interested in offering socially relevant courses and transferring appropriate technology to the common man in rural India.

It is a gratifying fact that the University's Alumni have made a mark, as Teachers, Scientists, Scholars, Statesmen, Ministers, Administrators, Educationists, Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

Looking back in retrospect, I am pleased with the remarkable progress the University has made. In the light of its past achievements, I have every reason to believe that it will more than amply fulfil itself as a seat of excellence, in the years to come.

I wish all glory to Annamalai, and I pray that it marches on from success to success, to its centenary, in memorable justification of the lofty aims and ideals of the Founders.

Rm. Sethunarayanan

Prof. Rm. SETHUNARAYANAN
VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. S.V. CHITTIBABU
Former Vice-Chancellor
Annamalai University

The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University gives me an opportunity to render my homage yet again to this renowned seat of higher learning and research which is a standing monument to the amazing vision and creative process of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, its fabulously munificent Founder. As one who had been given the unique privilege of serving it as a Vice-Chancellor for two terms I could see how right from the beginning, the Founder took care of even the minutest detail of the operational part of his grandiose scheme with a view to fashioning the University as a glorious standard bearer of Tamil culture and civilisation. He strained every nerve of his to make it an academic powerhouse effecting a symbiosis between Humanities and Sciences, between teaching and research in all disciplines.

The indefatigable energy, untiring zeal and the brilliant dynamism of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar elevated the status of the University and enhanced its stature in such a way as to merit the unqualified approbation and appreciation of the academic world which has rightly recognised it as a premier unitary and residential seminary of tertiary education providing a fascinating spectrum of facilities in the study of a variety of subjects such as arts, sciences, engineering and technology, agriculture, dentistry and computer science.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the present Founder Pro-Chancellor in his turn has proved by his remarkable accomplishments that he is no less versatile, enterprising and far-sighted than his celebrated grandfather and distinguished father in conserving, planning and implementing several trendsetting and innovative courses of study, relevant to the pressing needs of national economy, social transformation and cultural integration. His crowning achievement is the concretisation of his beloved father's cherished dream, viz., the setting up of a model Medical College equipped with all the sophisticated facilities that make the quality of instruction and training imparted to its students excellent and exemplary. With the adroit spirit of a sportsman and fervent zeal of a lover and promoter of sports, he has given a powerful thrust to the athletic activities of the University in a manner never before witnessed in its history.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University constitutes a significant landmark in its splendid chronicle of unimpeded growth and development. And naturally, it is an occasion for special rejoicing as well as grateful remembrance of the signal services rendered by the incomparable Chettinad Family. It is but most fitting that our revered President has graciously chosen to honour the

University by inaugurating its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. I offer my heartiest congratulation to the authorities, staff and students of the University.

Excelsior! May the University grow from strength to strength diffusing sweetness and light while being led along the ascending pathway to greater and greater glory.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations every success.

S.J. SADIQ PASHA
Minister for Law
Government of Tamilnadu

The Annamalai University has played a significant role in raising the intellectual tone of society and it has gained recognition in world forums for its multi-faceted contributions in the field of education.

My hearty best wishes for a grand success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

K.P. KANDASAMY
Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments
Government of Tamilnadu

The contributions of the Annamalai University in imparting advanced and updated knowledge and training in various fields and to the development and research of Tamil language for six decades, are commendable. No doubt, this institution will march ahead with many more achievements in the modern technological fields also.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

கோ. சி. மணி

வேளாண்மைத் துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

தமிழகத்தின் தலைசிறந்த இருப்பிடப் பல்கலைக்கழகமான இப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் கல்விப்பணியில் செய்துள்ள சாதனை மிகவும் பாராட்டுதற்குரியது. இப்பணி தொடர்ந்திடவும், வைர விழா நிகழ்ச்சிகள் சிறப்பாக அமைந்திடவும் எனது மனமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

ஆற்காடு நா. வீராசாமி

உணவுத் துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் தமிழ் மக்களிடம் அறிவொளி ஏற்றிய கலைக்கோயில். அண்ணாமலை அரசரின் பெரும் புகழுக்கு அடையாளச் சின்னமாக விளங்கும் இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் பயின்ற பலரும் பாரறியும் புகழ் பெற்றவர்கள்.

தமிழுணர்வை, தமிழ்மண்ணில் ஊட்டிவளர்த்த இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் பெருமை தமிழகத்தின் வரலாற்றோடு இணைந்ததாகும். இத்தகு பெருமைக்குரிய அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் 'வைர விழா' கொண்டாடுவது அறிந்து மகிழ்கின்றேன்.

விழா வெற்றி பெறவும், விழா மலர் சிறப்புடன் வெளிவரவும் என் உளங்கனிந்த நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

பொன். முத்துராமலிங்கம்

செய்தி மற்றும் தொழிலாளர் துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

வரலாற்றுப் புகழ் பெற்ற அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் வைரவிழா கொண்டாடுகிறது. தமிழிசை வளர்த்த வள்ளல் அண்ணாமலை அரசர், கல்விக் கொடையாகத் தமிழ் மண்ணுக்குத் தந்த அறிவாலயம்தான் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம்.

இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் படித்துப் பேரும் புகழும் பெருவாழ்வும் பெற்றவர்கள் தமிழ்நாட்டு மக்கள் மட்டுமல்லர். தென்னகத்திலுள்ள பலரும் இப்பெருமையைப் பெற்றவர்கள்.

இந்த அரிய வாய்ப்பினைத் தென்னக மக்களுக்கு வழங்கிய இப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் கண்ட பேராசிரியர்கள் பலரும் மாணவர் பலரும் புகழ் பெற்றவர்களாக விளங்குகிறார்கள்.

இத்தனைக்கும் காரணமாக விளங்கும் அண்ணாமலை அரசரை நன்றியுடன் வைரவிழாக் கொண்டாட்டத்தின் போது நினைவு கூர்வது தமிழ் மக்களின் கடமையாகும்!

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் வைரவிழா சீரும் சிறப்புமாகக் கொண்டாடப்படவும் – விழா மலர் சிறப்புடன் வெளிவரவும் என் வாழ்த்துக்களைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கின்றேன்.

துரைமுருகன்

பொதுப்பணித் துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

அறுபதாண்டு காலமாக ஆன்றோர், சான்றோர், பொறியியல் வல்லுநர்கள், பொருளாதார நிபுணர்கள், நிர்வாக இயக்குநர்கள், அரசியல் மேதைகள் ஆகியோரை உருவாக்கிய அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் தனது வைர விழாவைக் கொண்டாடுவது பெரு மகிழ்ச்சிக்குரியதாகும். பல்வேறு துறைகளில் தன் தனி முத்திரையை இப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் பதித்து வைத்திருப்பதற்கு, ராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார், அவர்தம் திருக்குமாரர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி ஆகியோரின் ஆற்றலும், அலுவலர்களின் திறமையுமே காரணமாகும் என்பதை இத்தருணத்தில் நினைவு கூர்வது சாலப் பொருத்தமாகும். வைரவிழா, நூற்றாண்டு விழாவிற்குக் கால்கோளாக அமையட்டும். இதன் பெருமைக்கும், சிறப்பிற்கும் அரசு தொடர்ந்து பக்க பலமாய் இருக்கும். சீருஞ் சிறப்புமாக வைர விழா நடைபெறவும், மலர் வெளியீடு சிறக்கவும் என் இதயம் நிறைந்த நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

டாக்டர் எ. இராமகிருஷ்ணன்

ஆதி திராவிடர் நலத்துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

செட்டிநாடு பெற்றெடுத்த செம்மல் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் கண்ட அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் ''வைரவிழா'' இவ்வாண்டு டிசம்பர் திங்கள் கொண்டாடப்பட இருப்பதை அறிந்து மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன்.

தங்கள் பல்கலைக் கழகம் மேன்மேலும் வளர்ந்து பல சிறப்புகளைப் பெற்றிடவும், விழா சிறப்புற அமைந்திடவும், வைரவிழா மலர் சுவையும் பயனும் நிறைந்து விளங்கிடவும் எனது இதயமார்ந்த நல் வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

பொன்முடி (எ) டாக்டர் க. தெய்வசிகாமணி

மக்கள் நல்வாழ்வுத்துறை அமைச்சர்
தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

தமிழகத்தின் 'உயர் கல்வி வரலாற்றில்' நிலையான இடத்தையும், நீங்காத புகழையும் பெற்றிருக்கும் மிகச்சிறந்த கல்வி நிறுவனம் அண்ணா மலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் என்பது நாடறிந்த உண்மை. அதிலும் குறிப்பாக தென் ஆற்காடு, தஞ்சை மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ள தாழ்த்தப்பட்ட, பிற்படுத்தப் பட்ட மக்கள் உயர் கல்வி பெறுவதற்கு வழிவகுத்ததே இப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தான். பல் துறை வித்தகர்களைத் தோற்றுவித்த இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் திராவிட இயக்கத்தின் பாசறையாகத் திகழ்ந்ததையும் அனைவரும் அறிவோம். ஒடுக்கப்பட்ட மக்களுக்குக் கல்விப்பணி செய்ய வேண்டும் என்ற நிறுவனரின் நோக்கத்தைத் தற்போதைய நிறுவனர் அன்பிற்குரிய டாக்டர் திரு. எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களும் கடைப்பிடித்துப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தை உயர்த்திட வேண்டும் என்ற வேண்டுகோளை வைப்பதோடு அதற்காக அவர் எடுக்கின்ற முயற்சிகளுக்கு என்னைப் போன்ற முன்னாள் மாணவர்கள் என்றும் உறுதுணையாய் நிற்போம் என்று வைரவிழாக் கொண்டாடும் இந் நன்னாளில் தெரிவித்து மகிழ்கிறேன்.

டாக்டர் க. சந்திரசேகரன்

காலநடை பராமரிப்புத் துறை அமைச்சர்

தமிழ்நாடு அரசு, சென்னை

கல்வித்துறையின் கலங்கரை விளக்கமாம் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் வரும் டிசம்பரில் தனது வைரவிழாவை வெற்றிகரமாய் நடத்த இருப்பதறிந்து பெருமகிழ்ச்சியடைகின்றேன். அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் கல்விப்பணியோடு, அறப்பணிகளும், தமிழ்த்தொண்டும் புரிந்து வருவது பாராட்டப்படுவதுடன் கல்வி வரலாற்றில் வைர வரிகளால் பொறிக்கப்பட வேண்டிய ஒன்றாகும். தமிழ்நாடு அரசு அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் உயர்விற்கும் பெருமைக்கும் எப்போதும் உறு துணையாய் நிற்கும். வைரவிழாவும், மலர் வெளியீடும் சீருஞ் சிறப்பும் பெற என் நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

M.M. RAJENDRAN, IAS

Chief Secretary

Government of Tamilnadu

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University, I send my warm greetings and good wishes.

This University has served the cause of higher education with distinction for over six decades and carved out a niche for itself in higher learning and research.

I trust that the University will continue to play equally significant role in the field of higher education in future, turning out graduates of high quality and calibre, to meet the manpower needs of the Country.

I wish the function all success.

Prof. YASH PAL
Chairman
University Grants Commission

I send my warmest greetings on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University, and wish it an excellent academic future.

Dr. H.B.N. SHETTY, IAS
Secretary to Government
Education Department, Madras

The Diamond Jubilee is an important landmark in the growth of an Institution. That is the time to look back with pride on what has been achieved so far, and to plan for future growth with greater anticipation and expectancy. The Annamalai University has carved a niche for itself in the field of Higher Education and I hope it will maintain the leadership in future also. While congratulating the management for the outstanding achievements registered so far, I extend my best wishes for the success of the celebrations.

DATO' SERI S. SAMY VELLU

Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts
Malaysia

This is a Diamond Jubilee Year for the Annamalai University and I am pleased to know that Annamalai's sixty years of existence has been a history crowned with glory, splendour, dignity and achievements. It has grown to be one of India's prestigeous centres of higher learning. It is also a renowned seat of Tamil Learning.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad in founding this University, has made the most significant and lasting contribution that any individual could make to mankind.

His grandson, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, now continues this great tradition of the family. As the third Pro-Chancellor of the University, he has brought greater modernization to it.

I congratulate all the past and present eminent men who have served this University as Vice-Chancellors, Professors and Lecturers, for their contributions which, without doubt, would have contributed to Annamalai's present standing as a great centre of learning.

DATO' K. PATHMANABAN
Deputy Minister of Labour
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

I am delighted to send this message of greetings on this auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Annamalai University.

Founded as a Centre of the Liberal Arts and Tamil Studies, the University has blossomed to its full splendour with technical and medical specialities. The vision and work of its Founder, the renowned Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar has been realised.

Through the portals of this University have passed many thousands of young men and women from many parts of the world, whose beginnings here have led them to great heights. With so many universities in India, it is indeed a rare tribute to Annamalai University that both the President of India and the Governor of Tamil Nadu lay claim to being its Alumni.

The glory of this Diamond Jubilee and the University rests on the fine contributions made by its Founders, its successive Pro-Chancellors, and the dedication of its Vice-Chancellors, academic staff and students.

May your greatness grow to greater heights.

My Greetings to the Pro-Chancellor Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the Chairman of the Celebrations, and all concerned.

DATO' S. SUBRAMANIAM

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Government of Malaysia and
Deputy President of the Malaysian Indian Congress
Malaysia

The Annamalai University is a world renowned institution of higher learning, and in the six decades since its founding, it has trained and produced eminent persons who have distinguished themselves as scholars, educationists, leaders, researchers, administrators and leaders in other walks of life, and thus have influenced the course and destiny of Tamilnadu and India. Education is not just imparting knowledge but providing the skills to discern the right from wrong, that is, the values needed for the progress of the human race. Thus, the Annamalai University has done commendably for its students who came in pursuit of knowledge.

The vision of the Founder Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, not only materialised into a reality, but was further to grow under his son Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, and grandson M.A.M. Ramaswamy as the Pro-Chancellor. The University over the years has grown in size as well by the creation of new faculties and departments in new disciplines for the ever thirsty students in pursuit of knowledge and learning. The birth and growth and the outstanding achievements of the University would not have been possible but for the vision and philanthropy of the family of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar.

All service to humanity is noble but service to humanity by providing sound education is the noblest of all services.

May the Almighty bless all those engaged in the service of education in the University so that it will continue to serve for the well-being, development and advancement of the human race.

Prof. M.G.K. MENON
Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister and
Member, Planning Commission, New Delhi

Education constitutes a unique national investment. It provides the manpower needed at different levels of the economy. It is also the base on which research and development in any field flourishes, and national self-reliance attained. The University system, being at the apex of the educational pyramid, has a key role to play in national development through creation and dissemination of specialised knowledge and skills and creation of leadership. To promote efficiency and effectiveness in higher education, excellence in performance of institutions and individuals should be recognised and rewarded, and a climate conducive to excellence and innovation created and promoted with full involvement of the faculty and students. To contribute effectively to national development, organic linkages need to be established and strengthened with technical education and industries, R & D organisations, programmes of rural and community development, and with various sectors of education with complementary characteristics.

It is encouraging that the Annamalai University is already engaged in such multi-pronged activities of human resources development, giving due importance to value education and to the precious Indian heritage which needs to be preserved and fostered. With rising demands for specialisation and inter-disciplinary studies, the University has before it a challenging task. This will require flexibility of curricula, contacts with live situations and development of new concepts. Institutions like Annamalai University which have established a sound foundation, can play a major role by introducing appropriate courses and programmes.

I hope that the Annamalai University would be able to instil personal qualities among the students such as, motivation, discipline, integrity, honesty and competitiveness that are so essential; as also intensify its response to the challenging tasks of teaching and research at advanced levels.

I wish the celebrations all success and the University a great future.

L. SABARETNAM
Member of the Syndicate
Annamalai University

On the auspicious and memorable occasion when the Annamalai University, my beloved Alma Mater, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, I recall with pleasure and gratitude the exemplary services rendered by its incomparable Founder Pro-Chancellor Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar to the country in general and Tamilnadu in particular, by extending the benefits of higher education to the educationally and socially backward communities. His everlasting gift, viz., the Annamalai University, is the fruit of his deep vision and fervent concern for the uplift and welfare of humanity. His great desire on his return to India after visiting the celebrated Universities of Oxford and Cambridge was to establish a seat of higher learning and research on the pattern of these two great Universities. For this purpose he toiled hard and by the blessings of the Almighty he succeeded in founding the Annamalai University which as the years rolled by, has blossomed into a centre of excellence in Arts and Sciences. Thousands of students have come out of the portals of this great institution and many of them are presently occupying most responsible and distinguished positions in various walks of life all over the world. This University was handed over as his precious legacy to his worthy son and successor Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar who in his turn nurtured and groomed it with impeccable care into one with an impressive stature as evidenced by the many sided growth of its faculties. Now the mantle of Pro-Chancellorship is on the shoulders of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy who is devoting his time and energy for the ever increasing renown and importance of the University.To him service to the University is an act of piety and allegiance to the revered memory of his beloved father and revered grandfather. I have no doubt that under his dynamic stewardship the University will continue its onward march on the path towards greater glory and excellence in the academic world.

I have great pleasure as an alumnus of the University and as a Member of the Syndicate in offering my heartiest congratulations to my Alma Mater and wishing it a resplendent future when it is celebrating the eventful completion of its scintillating sixty years of memorable existence as a seat of higher learning and research.

P. VENKATASUBBIAH

Governor of Karnataka
Bangalore

Over the past sixty years, the Annamalai University has achieved higher and higher standards of excellence with each passing year and this creditable record of achievements is naturally due to the dedicated efforts of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Founder of the University, his son Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and grandson Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, apart from a galaxy of Vice-Chancellors and other teaching faculty.

I take this opportunity to convey my felicitations to the Chettiars for building up such an outstanding centre for higher learning, and I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

SADIQ ALI

Former Governor of Tamilnadu
New Delhi

The Annamalai University is justly proud of its parentage, a succession of distinguished Vice-Chancellors, the new lines of study and research it opened out from time to time and the high level of excellence it has achieved in several fields. It kept a close watch on the changing and varied needs of the country and sought to fulfil them to the full extent of its capacity. On the auspicious occasion of its Diamond Jubilee I send my warm greetings, and express the hope that it would continue to have the strength to meet new challenges and explore new avenues of service to the country.

Dr. B. GOPALA REDDI
Former Governor, U.P.
"Santiniketan", Nellore

As one interested in education, I have watched the inception and growth of the Annamalai University. I remember the days when the Madras Legislative Council discussed the University Act during the Chief Ministership of Dr. Subbarayan. It was for the first time that a University was being named after a philanthropist, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, in recognition of his princely munificence of donating large sums of money and transferring the buildings of Meenakshi College in Chidambaram.

As a Minister in 1937, I visited the University for the first time and addressed the students. As Finance Minister, later, I did take interest in the growth of the University, specially the Engineering College Project. By then Sir Muthiah Chettiar had become the Pro-Chancellor. The University did me the honour of inviting me to deliver the Convocation Address in December, 1951.

Dr. Rajah Muthiah Chettiar, during his long tenure, as Pro-Chancellor, took genuine and parental interest in the growth of the University, and in its becoming a prestigious institution in India.

After him, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy took over as the third generation of Founder Pro-Chancellors. In a short time more Faculties have been added and the University is on the path of further progress.

Very eminent Vice-Chancellors were at the helm of affairs. No one can minimize their experience and importance.

I am particularly happy to note the importance given to Tamil Culture, Literature and Music.

I pay my tributes to the University on the memorable occasion of its Diamond Jubilee and wish it all glory and success in every direction, in the years to come.

Justice S. MOHAN

Chief Justice

High Court, Karnataka

This edifice of education has registered a glorious record of six decades of very useful educational service to the society at large. Many products of this University occupy high positions of distinction in Public and Private Sectors. The University has assumed, for itself quite deservedly, a name and fame, and national importance as well, in promoting the cause of education.

On this historic occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I send my hearty congratulations and greetings to the Pro-Chancellor Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the Vice-Chancellor, the Teaching Staff and the Students.

I wish the Annamalai University all glory.

Justice P.R. GOKULAKRISHNAN

Chief Justice,

High Court of Gujarat, Ahmedabad

The Annamalai University is a pride of Tamilnadu. The dynamic foresight of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar has created this University of world repute. The untiring service, with a missionary zeal, rendered by his son Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, has stabilized this University with strong foundation for its progress. The present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, has devoted himself to the opening of the medical faculty and other faculties, to add greatness to the University.

Started in the rural part of Tamilnadu, surrounded by agricultural families, this University has brought out the native talents and focused to the world the intellectual acumen of the people of this part of the country.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee function all success.

Justice V. RAMASWAMI
Chief Justice
Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh

James A. Garfield, a former U.S. President, once said that next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither justice nor freedom can be permanently maintained. Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar consolidated the foundations of freedom and justice in India by founding this great institution in 1929. This University is a lighthouse of education not only in South India but all over the country showing the path to thousands of aspirants in almost every branch of knowledge.

The University, surrounded by natural beauty, is conducive to devoted studies. The calmness and solitude encourage the scholars to attain higher goals. Various branches of knowledge such as Humanities, Sciences, Agriculture, Commerce, Medicine, Engineering, etc., are prospering under the able leadership of worthy trustees of the University. By their tireless efforts it has become a jewel of South India. It is also heartening to note that proper attention is being paid to foster and develop Tamil culture, literature and music.

I send my sincere and warm good wishes on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

Justice S. NATARAJAN
Judge, Supreme Court of India
New Delhi

The Annamalai University, the only Residential University in Tamil Nadu, has won fame and name for itself, not only throughout the country but also the world over. It has been served all through by distinguished Vice-Chancellors and eminent professors. Its alumni are spread throughout the world and many have attained high and distinguished positions in life. The services rendered by the University to the cause of higher education in general, and to Tamil language and Fine Arts in particular, are to be written in letters of gold.

Whenever and wherever the name of Annamalai University is mentioned, one's thoughts immediately turn to the illustrious founder of the University, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and his son Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar. Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was a great visionary and a person of remarkable talents. It was his munificence and high ideals that brought the University into existence. The great institution founded by him was fostered and taken to greater heights by his worthy son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar. After Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, his son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy. has been rightly appointed the Pro-Chancellor of the University and he has taken the University to still greater heights by opening the Medical and Dental Colleges and the magnificent Hospital, attached to them. The University has to its credit a glittering record of service and it is bound to attain greater and greater heights of glory in the years to come.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

E.K. NAYANAR
Chief Minister
Kerala

I am very happy to learn that Annamalai University is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year and that a Souvenir is being published on the occasion.

I take this opportunity to send my heartiest greetings, and wish the celebrations all success.

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Dr. BALRAM JAKHAR
Former Speaker, Lok Sabha
New Delhi

Besides being a temple of learning, ardently devoted to teaching and research, a University stands for humanism, rationalism, secularism, tolerance and spirit of enquiry. It is heartening to note that the Annamalai University — a premier institution with many pace-setting achievements to its credit — has been doing yeoman service in not only exploring the frontiers of knowledge but also making the fruits of research socially relevant. It has the unique distinction of bringing the results of its research to the doorstep of the common man and thereby helping in improving the quality of life in rural India.

The Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University is an occasion for its alumni to draw inspiration and to surge forward with greater zeal and vigour in pursuit of excellence.

My best wishes for the success of the celebrations.

P. CHIDAMBARAM
Former Minister of State for Personnel and Home Affairs
Government of India

In the six decades of its existence, the Annamalai University has grown from a small college into one of the leading centres of higher learning in the country. From a modest beginning with seven departments in various academic disciplines, it has grown into a giant with forty-five departments in disiciplines ranging from History, Tamil Language, Culture and Music, to Medicine, Engineering and Technology, Computer Engineering and Computer Applications. The range of knowledge covered by these disciplines embodies the enlightened vision of its founding fathers, particularly of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, who saw the future in the horizon while resting on the foundations of a rich and ancient tradition. In fact, the harmonious blend of traditional areas of learning with the most advanced fields is a distinctive feature of this University.

The University has also established for itself a distinguished name as a pioneer in community-oriented research and socially-relevant education through its extension programmes and the National Service Scheme. From out of the four walls of the campus, it has reached out to the homes of common people through its Distance Education Centres, making the adventure of higher learning accessible to many. The standard of academic excellence fostered and nurtured by the University is an eloquent testimony to the dedication and hard work that has gone into building the institution.

I extend my warm felicitations on this auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee and wish for the Annamalai University a bright future as glorious as its past.

MARGARET ALVA

Former Minister of State for Human Resource Development
Government of India

I am glad to know that the Annamalai University is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. I send my best wishes to the staff and students of the University and wish the University every success in the years to come.

L.P. SHAHI

Former Minister of State for Education & Culture
Government of India

This University was founded in 1929 by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad as a realisation of his long cherished dream for the educational advancement of the people of this region and his great love for education. It was his foresight and vision that led to the establishment of the University, not merely as a philanthropic endeavour but as a response to a challenging need for improving the quality of the lives of people and for wiping out ignorance. Today when the University is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee, we must all join together in paying our tributes to the farsightedness and generosity of its Founder.

I am happy to note that the University has lived up to the vision and expectations of its illustrious Founder and is today known as an outstanding centre of higher learning and research and is imparting advanced and updated knowledge and training in Arts, Science and Technology as well as making notable contributions to the development of literature, art and culture.

On this auspicious occasion, I extend my good wishes to the teachers, students and all those associated with the University.

JANARDHANA POOJARY

Former Minister of State for Rural Development
Government of India

The University named after its illustrious Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, can look back with pride on its track record. It is quite encouraging to note that during the sixty years of its existence, the University, with forty-five Departments for various disciplines, has been able to reach new heights of excellence and innovation in academic pursuit, enquiry and research, besides making a significant contribution to the promotion of Tamil literature, art and culture.

While serving as a seat of higher learning, the University deserves congratulations for establishing a rapport with the rural population of the South Arcot District. I am glad to learn that the University is to take up programmes for the transfer of appropriate technology to the villages for improving the quality of life of the rural people.

I wish the Annamalai University all success in the years to come.

RAFIQUE ALAM

Former Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare
New Delhi

Through the untiring and pioneering efforts of the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, the Annamalai University has made a big leap forward in imparting advanced and updated knowledge and training in the arts and sciences and technology over the years. I am glad to see that it is also making notable contribution to the development and research in Tamil literature, art and culture.

I hope, the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations would provide an occasion for all concerned to re-dedicate themselves for making the dream of the Founder a reality, and in taking the University to new heights of glory.

My best wishes.

K.R. NARAYANAN

Former Minister of State for Science & Technology, Atomic Energy, Space, Electronics & Ocean Development
Government of India

A renowned and popular citadel of higher education in the country, the Annamalai University has already redeemed the faith reposed on it by its Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar. Like its benefactor, the University, during its existence for the last six decades, has given unto everyone the blessings of knowledge and wisdom. Much fresh ground has also been broken and in many ways the University has been a leader in the educational field in the country.

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I wish to join the thousands offering congratulations to the Vice-Chancellor, the Faculty and the students of the University and wish them many more years of service in the cause of higher learning and research in the country.

P. SHIV SHANKAR

Former Minister of Human Resource Development
Government of India

I am glad to know that the Annamalai University, a premier educational institution of the country, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. I hope that this occasion will mark the commencement of a significant phase in the development of the University.

On this auspicious occasion, I would like to pay a tribute to the vision, benefaction and philanthropy of the University's Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad. I am glad that the University has striven to fulfil the aims of its Founder and has embarked upon a variety of courses and programmes in emerging and upcoming fields of Science and Technology as well as in the Arts, Literature and Culture. It is a matter of pride that the Annamalai University now ranks as one of the prominent institutions of Higher Learning in the country.

I am sure that the University will continue to respond to the challenges that lie ahead and provide a new dynamism to the educational system.

I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to the teachers, students, and all those associated with this University and wish the celebrations success.

Justice S. JANARTHANAM

High Court, Madras

I am glad to learn that the Annamalai University, founded by the munificent philanthropy of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, in the year 1929, after six decades of meritorious progress, as an outstanding centre of higher learning and research, is to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee very soon.

I extend my heartfelt felicitations and good wishes to my Alma Mater, and wish the function crowning success.

Justice P.K. SETHURAMAN

High Court, Madras

The Annamalai University established by the great philanthropist, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, has produced many eminent personalities in different fields of life from out of the students who studied in the campus. I have no hesitation to say that the University will continue to serve the student-community of Tamil Nadu and also the rest of the country by imparting education not only in the Arts & Sciences, but also in diverse professional courses.

I wish all success to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and also a bright future for the University.

Justice K.S. BAKTHAVATSALAM

Kotturpuram, Madras

It is significant to note that this unique University has always catered to the needs of the lowest and the last, and has fulfilled the dreams and aspirations of the long neglected sections of our society. The illustrious alumni of this august University have been spreading knowledge and wisdom, sweetness and light at home and abroad, through the decades, for the glory of Tamilnadu and our Country.

May the Almighty guide and guard the Annamalai University for years and years to come.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations every success.

Justice S. SIVASUBRAMANIAM

Judge

High Court, Madras

The Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University is a happy occasion for us to remember and acknowledge the greatness of the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar.

Swami Vivekananda said: "There is no higher virtue than charity. The lowest man is he whose hand draws in receiving; and he is the highest man whose hand goes out in giving. The hand was made to give always. Give the last bit of bread you have, even if you are starving. You will be perfect, you will become God." How aptly this applies to the esteemed Founder of this premier institution.

May the University grow from strength to strength, serving the people at large in all spheres of intellectual endeavour.

நீதிபதி சாந்தா தங்கவேலு ராமலிங்கம்

கிரீன்வேஸ் சாலை, சென்னை

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தொண்டையும் அதை நிறுவிய செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்களின் தீர்க்க தரிசனத்தையும் சிறிய அளவில் செய்தி வடிவாக எழுதுவது என்பது இயலாத காரியம். ''வேற்றுமையில் ஒற்றுமை காண்பது எப்படி'' என்ற கேள்விக்கு அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியாரின் வாழ்க்கையையும் அவர் நிறுவிய பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் தொண்டையும் ஒர் எடுத்துக்காட்டாகக் கொள்ளலாம். பரந்த நோக்கம் உடையவராகவும், அதே சமயத்தில், ஒரு தேசீய வாதியாகவும், தமிழ் நாட்டின் தொண்டராகவும் அவர் வாழ்ந்தார். ஆங்கிலேய பிரபுக்களின் தொடர்பு எந்த விதத்திலும் அவருடைய தேசீயப் பற்றைக் குறைக்கவில்லை. அவருடைய தேசீயப் பற்று எந்த விதத்திலும் அவர் தமிழ் நாட்டின் மீது கொண்டிருந்த பற்றைக் குறைக்க வில்லை. அவர் தமிழ் மொழிக்கும், தமிழ் இசைக்கும் செய்த தொண்டு என்றென்றும் நிலைத்து நிற்கும். அவர் உருவாக்கிய தமிழிசைச் சங்கமே இதற்கு எடுத்துக் காட்டாக விளங்கி வருகிறது.

''வையத்துள் வாழ்வாங்கு வாழ்பவன் வானுறையும்
தெய்வத்துள் வைக்கப்படும்''
என்ற குறளுக்கும்,
'செல்வர்க்கழகு செழுங்கிளை தாங்குதல்' என்ற மூதுரைக்கும்
''தோன்றிற் புகழொடு தோன்றுக அஃதிலார்
தோன்றலின் தோன்றாமை நன்று''
என்ற குறளுக்கும்
''ஈதல் இசைபட வாழ்தல் அதுவல்லது
ஊதியம் இல்லை உயிர்க்கு''
என்ற குறளுக்கும்
''நிலவரை நீள்புகழ் ஆற்றின் புலவரைப்
போற்றாது புத்தேள் உலகு''
என்ற குறளுக்கும் உவமையாக அவருடைய வாழ்க்கை அமைந்திருந்தது.

அதே போல் அவரது புதல்வர் ராஜா சர் முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்களுடைய வாழ்க்கையும் அமைந்திருந்தது.

இப்படிப்பட்ட புகழ்புரிந்த நல்லோர்கள் நிறுவி, அழியாப்புகழுடன் விளங்கி வரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வைர விழா சீரும் சிறப்புமாக நடக்கவும் பல்கலைக்கழகம் மேன்மேலும் இந்நாட்டின் ஒரு கலங்கரை விளக்கமாகத் திகழ்ந்து பல அறிஞர்களை உருவாக்கி நாட்டின் பெருமையை மேன்மேலும் நிலைநாட்டி வரவும், எந்நாட்டிற்கும் இறை வனாகவும், இந்நாட்டின் அரசனாகவும், சிதம்பரத்தில் தெய்வ நடனம் புரிந்து வரும் இறைவனைப் பிரார்த்தனை செய்கிறேன்.

Justice DAVID ANNOUSSAMY
Vice-Chairman
Central Administrative Tribunal, Madras

The Annamalai University is unique in several respects. It has the name of its illustrious founder; further, it has got a wonderful campus near the sea shore. It is also unique in that it is giving equal importance to our past culture and to the modern knowledge borrowed from outside. I sincerely hope that the scholars of the University, with the help of methods devised by other countries, would be able to contribute more and more to the field of knowledge at the international level, in some selected areas.

I send my heartiest felicitations, on the eve of the Diamond Jubilee of the University.

V. RAMANATHAN
Former Member of Parliament
New Delhi

Our memories go back to the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, and recall the vision, farsightedness and ideals of the noble soul that is illuminating the journey of many generations.

May this great Institution grow from strength to strength, fulfilling the avowed dreams and ideals of the Founder, and serve as a guiding light to all.

ம. பொ. சிவஞானம்

ஆழ்வார்பேட்டை

சென்னை

தமிழை வளர்க்கும் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

செட்டி நாட்டரசர் டாக்டர் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்களால் நிறுவப் பெற்று, அவர்தம் மூத்த மைந்தர் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்களால் வளர்க்கப் பெற்று, தற்போதைய இணை வேந்தர் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களால் வலுப்படுத்தப் பட்டு வரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்துக்கு வைர விழா நடப்பது அறிந்து மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். இந்தப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்திலே படித்துத் தேறியவர் களிலே சிலர் அரசியல் தலைவர்களாகவும், அமைச்சர்களாகவும், அறிவியல் போன்ற பல துறைகளில் வல்லுநர்களாகவும் மலர்ந்திருக்கிறார்கள். உலகப் புகழ் பெற்ற மகாகனம் பி. எஸ். சீனிவாச சாஸ்திரியார், டாக்டர் சர். சி. பி. இராமசாமி ஐயர், டாக்டர் ஆர். கே. சண்முகம் செட்டியார் போன்ற சான்றோர்கள் துணைவேந்தர்களாகப் பதவி வகித்து இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்தை வளர்த்திருக்கின்றனர்.

தென்னாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் கல்லூரியே இல்லாத காலத்தில் இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் தோன்றியதால், அம்மாவட்டத்திலுள்ள வன்னியர் போன்ற பிற்பட்ட சாதியினர் பலர் உயர்கல்வி பெறுவதற்கு இது பயன் பட்டிருக்கிறது. இன்னமும் பயன்பட்டு வருகிறது. ஒரு சில அறிவுக் கலைகளுக்கு மட்டுமே வகுப்புகளைக் கொண்டு துவங்கிய இப்பல்கலைக் கழகமானது, நாளடைவில் விவசாயம், மருத்துவம், சட்டம் ஆகிய உயர்ந்த அறிவியற் கலைகளைப் போதிக்கும் வகுப்புகளையும் கொண்டு வளர்ந்திருக்கிறது.

தில்லையம்பதி, ஐம்பூதங்களுள் ஒன்றான ''வான்'' என்பதற்குரிய தலமாகும். இறைவன் தனது நடனத்தை நிறுத்தாமல் தொடர்ந்து நடத்திக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார் என்பதற்கு அடையாளமாக, நடராசப் பெருமான் தூக்கிய காலை இறக்காமல் காட்சியளித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார். அதே தில்லையம்பதியில் உள்ள அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தனது வளர்ச்சிக்கு ஒரு வரம்பு வகுத்துக் கொள்ளாமல் விரிந்து, பரந்து, வளர்ந்து கொண்டே போகிறது.

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக்குச் செய்து வரும் தொண்டு இன்னொரு பல்கலைக்கழகத்தை இணை சொல்ல முடியாததாகும். தமிழிலே — தமிழைப் பற்றியே ''பி. எச்டி'' ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரைகளை எழுதி டாக்டர் பட்டம் பெறுவதற்குத் தமிழ்ப் புலவர்களுக்கு வாய்ப்பளிக்க முதன்

முதலில் முன் வந்தது அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தான். மொழியியல் துறை ஒன்றை முதன் முதலில் தோற்றுவித்ததும் இதே பல்கலைக்கழகம் தான். தமிழிசைப் பயிற்சிக்கெனத் தனியாக ஒரு துறையை முதன் முதலில் தோற்றுவித்ததும் இதே பல்கலைக்கழகம் தான். நலிவுற்றுக் கிடந்த தமிழிசைக்கு வலுவூட்டுவதற்காகத் ''தமிழிசை காக்கும் இயக்கத்தைத்'' தோற்றுவித்த பெருமையும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கே உரியதாகும். கம்பராமாயணத்துக்குப் புலவர்கள் பலர் உரை எழுதி இருப்பினும் அவற்றையெல்லாம் விஞ்சும் வகையிலே புத்துரை எழுதச் செய்தும் பாட பேதங்கள் அனைத்தையும் ஒன்று விடாமல் தொகுக்கச் செய்தும் முழுமையான பதிப்பொன்றை வெளியிட்டதும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகந்தான். கௌடில்யர் எழுதிய அர்த்த சாஸ்திரம் போன்ற சம்ஸ்கிருத மொழியிலுள்ள சாத்திரங்கள் பலவற்றைத் தமிழில் மொழி பெயர்க்கச் செய்து வெளியிட்டுள்ளதும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தான். இவையன்றி, ஆங்கில மொழியில் உள்ள நவீன அறிவியல் கலை நூல்கள் பலவற்றைத் தமிழில் கொண்டு வந்த பெருமையும் இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்துக்கு உண்டு.

பண்டிதமணி கதிரேசன் செட்டியார், டாக்டர் ஏ. சிதம்பர நாதன் செட்டியார், பன்மொழிப் புலவர் டாக்டர் தெ.பொ. மீனாட்சி சுந்தரனார் போன்ற தமிழ்ப் புலமையில் நிறை குடம் போன்ற பேராசிரியர்கள் பலர் இப்பல்கலைக்கழத்தின் தமிழ்த் துறைக்குத் தலைவர்களாக இருந்ததும் இதன் சிறப்புக்குச் சான்றாகும். இவ்வளவு பெருமைகளைக் கொண்ட இப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்துக்கு வைர விழா நடப்பது வரலாற்று நிகழ்ச்சியாகும். தற்போதைய இணைவேந்தர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள் என்னுடைய அரிய நண்பர். இவர் இணை வேந்தராக இருக்கும் காலத்திலே வைர விழா நிகழ்வதும், தமிழ் நாட்டவரான குடியரசுத் தலைவர் மேதகு டாக்டர் ஆர். வெங்கட்ராமன் அவர்கள் இவ்விழாவில் பங்கு கொள்வதும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்துக்குள்ள எத்தனையோ பெருமை களுக்குப் பெருமை சேர்ப்பதாகும். வாழ்க அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம்! வளர்க அதன் தமிழ்த் தொண்டு!

திருக்கயிலாய பரம்பரை

ஸ்ரீ-ல-ஸ்ரீ சிவப்பிரகாசதேசிக பரமாசாரிய சுவாமிகள்

குருமகாசந்நிதானம்

திருவாவடுதுறை ஆதீனம், திருவாவடுதுறை

தமிழ் நாட்டில் தனிச்சிறப்புடைய அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் தனது வைர விழாவினைக் காணவிருப்பது அறிந்து பெரிதும் மகிழ்கின்றோம்.

''ஒருவற்கு விழுச்செல்வம் ஆவது கல்வியே'' என்பது திருவள்ளுவர் கண்ட உண்மை. மனிதனது நல்வாழ்வு அவனது அறிவின் தெளிவில் அமைவதாகும் என்ற உண்மையையும், அவ்வறிவின் விளக்கத்திற்கு ஏதுவாவது கல்வியே என்பதையும் உணர்ந்த பெரியவர், செந்தமிழ்ச் செல்வர் செட்டி நாட்டரசர் இராஜா சர். அண்ணாமலை செட்டியார் அவர்கள். தமிழ் மக்கள் தமக்கு உரித்தான தமிழ் மொழியறிவிலும் அம்மொழியில் பண்டுதொட்டுத் தோன்றி விளங்கிவரும் இலக்கிய இலக்கணங்களையும் சமய தத்துவங்களையும் தமிழுணர்வோடு நன்கு கற்றுப் புலமை பெற வேண்டும்; அத்துடன் அவர் வாழ்வும் தமிழ் வாழ்வாக மலரவேண்டும் என்ற பெருவிருப்பத்தை உடையவர்.

''தக்காரும் தாழ்விலாச் செல்வரும் சேர்வது நாடு'' என்பது திருவள்ளுவம். எனினும் அவ்விருவகையும் ஒருங்கமையப் பெற்றவர் அன்னார் என்பது உலகறிந்த உண்மை. இத்தகைய சான்றோர், செல்வத்தின் தலைசிறந்த பயன் அனைவரையும் தக்காராக்குவது என்ற தகைசான்ற உள்ளத்தால், தென்னாடுடைய சிவன் நடுநின்றாடும் அம்பலம் விளங்கும் தில்லைப்பதியே செந்தமிழ்க் கல்லூரி நிறுவச் சிறந்த இடம் எனக்கண்டு அங்கேயே ''மீனாட்சி தமிழ்க் கல்லூரி''யைத் தோற்றுவித்தார்.

காலத்திற்கு ஏற்றவாறு கல்வியும் சிறக்கவேண்டும் என்ற கருத்தால் தமிழ் மொழியையும் தமிழ்க் கலாச்சாரத்தையும் தமிழிசையையும் சிறப்பாக வளர்த்துவந்த கல்லூரி பல்வேறு கலைக் கல்வியையும் அறிவியற் கல்வியையும் தொழிற்கல்வியையும் வழங்கும் பல்கலைக் கழகமாகவும் மாறி வளர்ந்துள்ளது.

''மகன் அறிவு தந்தை யறிவு'' என்றபடி அண்ணாமலையாரின் அருமை மகனார் டாக்டர் இராஜா சர். முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்களும் தந்தை வழி தளராது நின்று தமிழுக்கே சிறந்த தகைசால் கலைகளையும் மற்றும் பல அறிவியல் தொடர்பான கலைகளையும் தமிழர் நெறியாகிய சைவ நெறி யினையும் அயல் நாட்டவரும் வந்து கற்றறிந்து சிறக்குமாறு செய்துள்ளமையும் பாராட்டற்குரியதாகும்.

உயர்ந்த பண்புடையோர் வித்திட்ட உயர்மரம் வழிவழியாகக் கிளை விட்டு ஓங்கி வளர்ந்து உலகம் முழுமைக்கும் தண்ணிழலும் சான்ற கனியும் ஈந்து உவக்கச் செய்துவரும் மாண்பினை உடையதாகும். அந்த நிலையில் இவர் தந்தை பெயரன் என்று அனைவரும் நினைந்து புகழுமாறு, இப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தை அவ்வக்காலத்திற்கு ஏற்ப வளர்ந்துவரும் புதிய ஆக்கங் களொடும் பொலிவுபெறச் செய்யும் ஊக்கமும் உழைப்பும் உடையவர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள் என்பது கண்டு பெரிதும் உவக்கின்றோம்.

அறுபது ஆண்டின் நிறைவில் புதியதோர் பிறப்புத் தொடங்குகின்றது என்ற முறையில், டாக்டர் இராமசாமி அவர்களின் அரிய ஆர்வம் மிக்க முயற்சியால் இவ் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் அண்ணாமலைபோல் மேலும் மேலும் பல நல்ல புதிய நலன்களொடும் நாளும் நாளும் வளர்ந்து ஓங்கி, அனைத்துலகும் பயன்பெறுமாறு

> ''பயன்மரம் உள்ளூர்ப் பழுத்தாற்றால் செல்வம்
> நயனுடை யான்கட் படின்''

என்ற பொய்யாமொழிக் கேற்பச் சிறந்து விளங்க, எம் வழிபடு கடவுளாகிய ஞானமார் நடராசப் பெருமான் திருவடி மலர்களைச் சிந்திக்கின்றோம்.

கயிலைமாமுனிவர்

ஸ்ரீலஸ்ரீ காசிவாசி முத்துக்குமாரசுவாமித் தம்பிரான் சுவாமிகள் அவர்கள்

அதிபர், ஸ்ரீ காசிமடம், திருப்பனந்தாள்

'கோயில்' எனப்போற்றப்பெறும் மாட்சிமை மிக்க தில்லையம்பதியில் கலைக்கோயிலாய்க் கல்விப் பயனைப் பல்லாயிரம் பேர்க்கு வழங்கி, நாளும் வளர்ந்து புகழ் பரப்பி வருகின்ற அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தலையாய பணிகளை ஆற்றி இந்நாளில் வைரவிழாக் காண்பதும், விழா சமயம் தமிழ்ச் சான்றோரின் கருத்தோவியங்களுடன் கனக மலராய்க் கவின்மலர் ஒன்று வெளியிடப் பெறுவதும் அறிந்து மகிழ்கின்றோம்.

'நிலனாவில் திரிதரும் நீண்மாடக் கூடலார் புலனாவில் பிறந்த புதிய சொல் கூட்டு என்றும், 'புணர்கூட்டு' என்றும் தொகை நூல்கல் சுட்டிய தமிழ்ச் சங்கம் போற்றிய தமிழ் எனும் ஓர் அற்புதத் தனிமொழியை உலகெங்கும் உள்ளார் பயிலவும், சுவைக்கவும், அதன் மேன்மையை உணரவும் பல்லாற்றானும் வழிவகை செய்வது இக்கலைக்கழகம் எனில் அது மிகையன்று.

''கற்றோர்க்குக்கல்வி நலனே கலன், மற்றோர் அணிகலன் வேண்டாவாம்'' எனும் ஸ்ரீ குமரகுருபர சுவாமிகள் வாக்குப்படி இவண் கல்வியாகிய அணிகலனைப் பெற்ற பல்லாயிரம் பேர், நேற்றைய, இன்றைய உலகில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க பெருமையுடையராய் முன்னணியில் திகழ்ந்து வருதலைக் கண் கூடாகக் காண இயல்கின்றது.

அறிவியலும், கலைப் புலமும் முதன்மையாக இருந்த நிலையிலிருந்து புதுமலர்ச்சியுடன் விரைந்த வளர்ச்சி பெற்று வரும் இதன் சிறப்பிற்கு, புதியனவாகிய மொழியியல், பொறியியல், வேளாண்மை, மருத்துவம், சட்டம் போன்ற பிற துறை வளர்ச்சியும் சிறப்புச் சேர்த்துள்ளன.

பல நூறு ஆய்வுப் புல முனைவர்க்கு ஆய்வுக் கூடமாகவும், வழி காட்டியாகவும், அவர்தம் ஆய்வுப் புலத்திற்கு அரிய விருந்தளிக்கும் கருவூலமாகவும் திகழும் இதன் ஒருமித்த வளர்ச்சியில் இதனை நிறுவி, புரந்து, வளர்த்து வரும் 'அரசர்' குடும்பத்தின் மரபு வழிப்பட்ட சிந்தனைகளும், செயல்முறைகளும், நிதிக் கொடைகளும் பிணைப்புடையன; அவை அளப்பில.

உலகின் ஒரு சில உடனுறைப் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களுள் (Residential University) ஒன்றாய், ஆசியாவின் ஒரே உடனுறைப் பல்கலைக்கழகமாய் கல்வி, கலை விருந்து நல்கும் பல்கலைக்கழகமாய்ச் சீரிய வளர்ச்சிப்

பாதையில் எண்ணற்ற சாதனைகளைப் பெருக்கியுள்ள இக்கல்வி நிறுவனம் ஆற்றும் கல்வி, கலைப் பணிகளில் நமது திருமடமும் இணைந்து, இயைந்து நின்று ஆக்கமளிக்க வேண்டும் என்னும் கருத்து – நமது திருமடத்தின் முந்தைய தலைவர்களின் திருவுள்ளங்களில் உதயமாகிட அதன்வழிப் பல அறக்கட்டளைகள், பல இலக்கம் பொருட் கொடையில் தோன்றின. அவற்றின்வழி, அவற்றைச் செயல்படுத்துவதன் வழியும் இக்கலைக்கழகம் ஒல்லுமாற்றான் எல்லாம் இத்தமிழ் மாநிலத்துக்கே சிறந்த ஒரு பெயரைப் பெற்றுத் தந்துள்ளது.

முந்தைய சாதனைகள் முழுவேகத்துடன் முன்வரும் சாதனைகளுடன் இணையவும் 'அரசர்' வழித் தோன்றல்கள் ஆற்றும் இத்தகு பணிகள் தொடர்ந்து துலங்கிடவும், வைரவிழாக் கொண்டாட்டங்கள் இனிதே நிறைவு பெறவும், விழாமலர் கல்வி, கலை மணம் கமழும் கருத்துக் கோவைகளுடன் கற்பக மலராய் மலர்ந்து மிளிரவும் செந்திற்கந்தன் சேவடிகளைச் சிந்தித்து வாழ்த்துகிறோம்.

சுபம்

The Most Rev. CASIMIR GNANADICKAM

Archbishop of Madras
Mylapore

There is no doubt that the Annamalai University founded by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, a great philanthropist and an educationist of great vision, is well known in the country. Like the Great Sangams of old, it has been a Centre of Tamil Culture and its ardent guardian and promoter. The University has not lagged behind in modernising itself. True to its role as a University, it has pursued relentlessly all branches of knowledge, especially those advancing frontiers like Computer Science and Marine Biology. Far from being an island of elites in the midst of the poor and the ignorant, Annamalai University has sought to be useful and relevant for the people around.

All this augurs well for the future. I offer my heartiest congratulations on this happy occasion and invoke divine blessings in abundance on the University for a glorious march towards the Centenary.

அருள்திரு. **பங்காரு அடிகளார்**
அருட்கூடம்
மேல்மருவத்தூர்

ஓம் சக்தி

நலம் பல நிறைக! அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் தனது வைர விழாவினைக் கொண்டாட உள்ளது என்னும் செய்தி கேட்டு மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகின்றோம்.

1929 ஆம் ஆண்டு திரு. அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்களால் தொடங்கப்பட்ட இப்பல்கலைக் கழகம் இன்று ஆல்போல் தழைத்து அருகுபோல் வேரூன்றி நிலைத்திருக்கின்றது.

'கல்வி சிறந்த தமிழ் நாடு' எனப்பலரும் நம் நாட்டைப் பாராட்ட வேண்டும் என்று கனவு கண்ட கவிஞர்கள் உண்டு. அவர்கள் கனவை நனவாக்கித் தமிழ் நாட்டின் கல்வி வளர்ச்சிக்கு அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் தன் பங்கை நிறைவேற்றி வைத்துள்ளது.

பல்லாயிரக் கணக்கான பொறியாளர்கள்! தொழில் நுட்பம் மிக்க இளைஞர்கள்! சட்ட வல்லுநர்கள்! விஞ்ஞானம் படித்த மேதைகள்! மருத்துவர்கள்! ஆசிரியர்கள்! தமிழறிஞர்கள்! ஆட்சிக்கலை வல்லுநர்கள்! அமைச்சர்கள்! சட்டமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள்! பாராளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர்கள் – ஆகியோரை இப்பல்கலைக் கழகம் நாட்டுக்குத் தயார்ப் படுத்திக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறது.

ஒப்புரவாளர் கையில் கிடைத்த செல்வம் ஊர் மக்கள் உண்ணும் ஊருணி நீர் போலப் பலரும் உண்ணப்பயன்படும்; மருந்து மரம் போலப் பலவகையிலும் உதவும் என்கிறது வள்ளுவம். திரு. அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் தம் ஒப்புரவாண்மை கல்வித்தாகம் கொண்ட பலரும் அள்ளிப் பருகுதற்கு ஏற்றபடிக் கல்வி நீரோடையாகப் பாய்ந்து ஓடிக்கொண்டு இருக்கிறது.

''செல்வத்துப் பயனே ஈதல்'' என்ற உண்மையை உணர்ந்து போற்றி வாழ்ந்த அவருடைய கொடைப் பண்பு, இன்று பலருடைய வாழ்க்கை வளர்ச்சிக்கும், நாட்டு வளர்ச்சிக்கும் உறுதுணையாகி உள்ளது. அன்னாரின் கொடைக் குணமும், கொடைக் கொள்கையும் இன்றைய செல்வர் உலகில் பரவ வேண்டும் என்பதே எமது எதிர்பார்ப்பு!

இப்பல்கலைக் கழகம் மேலும் மேலும் வளர்ச்சி பெற்று பல ஏழை மாணவர்கட்குப் புகலிடமாக விளங்கி அவர்தம் வாழ்க்கைக்கு விளக்கேற்றி வைக்க வேண்டும் என்பது எம் ஆவல்!

இக் கல்வி நிறுவனம் மேலும் சிறக்கவும் வளரவும். எல்லாம் வல்ல அன்னை ஆதிபராசக்தி அருள் பாலிப்பாளாக!

வைர விழா இனிது நிறை வேற எம் நல்லாசிகள்!

ஓம் சக்தி!

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The Annamalai University which started with just seven departments has now flourished and spread to establish forty five departments, including the prestigious departments of Engineering and Technology, Agriculture, Medicine and Dentistry.

On this occasion we must recall with a sense of gratitude the philanthropic vision and the unparalleled munificence of the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar. Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, following the footsteps of his illustrious father has been responsible for the vast expansion of the University. The present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, has been rendering yeoman service for the development of the University.

The University was also fortunate in having had eminent personalities as Vice-Chancellors to guide it to a high level of excellence.

On this happy occasion, the University can take justifiable pride in the stupendous achievements and progress it has made during the years. I am confident that with the dedication of the Faculty and the vision of the Management, the University will reach greater heights of excellence in the years to come.

I wish the celebrations all success.

A. GNANAM

Vice-Chancellor
University of Madras, Madras

The Annamalai University has developed into a centre of cultural, scientific and academic knowledge, over the years and has served the nation with rare distinction, thereby fulfilling the ambition of its Founders -- Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, and now Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

May this seat of learning continue to spread knowledge, dispelling ignorance, and strive to achieve excellence in all noble aspects of life.

On the happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I wish the University continued success in its sublime mission.

Dr. (Mrs.) RADHA THIAGARAJAN

Vice-Chancellor
Alagappa University, Karaikudi

On this great and auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University, I send my hearty felicitations and greetings to all concerned.

The Annamalai University is an excellent example of princely munificence, backed by progressive ideas and a steady driving force. This great Institution, with an inspiring history, had in its service, towering personalities in the field of education and public affairs, from the very inception.

It was Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar's public spirit, clarity of vision and indefatigable efforts which were responsible for bringing into being this magnificent Institution, in 1929.

Within the last sixty years, the University has made spectacular progress in all directions.

On this happy occasion, I warmly wish this great Institution, greater success in the years to come. May this University grow from strength to strength and continue its onward march, to serve the Nation, with "Courage and Faith."

Dr. K. VENKATA SUBRAMANIAN

Vice-Chancellor
Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

The Annamalai University stands as a monument to the munificent philanthropy of the great Chettinad House. A single college started in the name of Sri Meenakshi College has now taken gigantic strides in becoming the renowned Annamalai University. Veteran scholars and great leaders have come out of the portals of the University. The Pro-Chancellors, right from Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, through Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, to Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, have dedicated themselves fully in developing this University as a seat of excellence.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee a grand success.

Dr. (Mrs.) JAYA KOTHAI PILLAI

Vice-Chancellor
Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal

The Annamalai University, fostered by the famous family of the Rajahs of Chettinad, and led by a galaxy of distinguished Vice-Chancellors, is well known as a Centre of Tamil language, Tamil music and Tamil culture. The University has been ever alert in introducing new disciplines in Science and Technology to meet the scientific aspirations of the student community. The Department of Agriculture of the University has been educating the farmers in modernization techniques, and its Extension Department is involved in the continuing education of the community.

Thus the University has been proudly marching on with 'Courage and Faith', towards excellence for the past sixty years.

I send my best wishes for the University's great and glorious future.

Dr. S. MUTHUKUMARAN

Vice-Chancellor
Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli

"Rome was not built in a day!". Likewise, institutions of higher learning such as the Annamalai University are not built out of a magic wand. Establishing and nourishing an institution of this magnitude was not easy. Only men of vision like Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar were able to do it. Tamil Nadu should be proud of the fact that as early as 1929 this was achieved by Rajah Annamalai Chettiar. We should equally feel happy that the same tradition was maintained by his distinguished son, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, and is now being continued by the present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

I congratulate all those who have been responsible for this unique achievement. I wish the University, the Members of the Faculties and the Academic Bodies, all success in their future endeavours.

முனைவர் கே. எம். மாரிமுத்து

துணைவேந்தர்,

பாரதியார் பல்கலைக்கழகம், கோவை

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வைர விழாவினைக் கொண்டாட இருக்கும் நற்செய்தியினை அறிந்து பூரிப்படைந்தேன். அறுபது ஆண்டுகளாக அயராத நிலையில் அரிய கல்விப் பணியினையும் அருந்தமிழ்ப் பணி யினையும் ஒருங்கிணைத்து ஆக்கபூர்வமான முறையிலே ஆற்றிவந்துள்ளது இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம். தமிழ்ச் சமுதாயம் உயர்கல்வி பெற, உரிய முறையிலே பங்கேற்று அரிய சேவையினைச் செய்துவந்துள்ளது இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம். ஈட்டல், காத்தல், வகுத்தல், அளித்தல் என்ற உயர்ந்த வாழ்க்கை நெறி முறைகளைக் குறிக்கோளாகக் கொண்டு அரும்பெரும் கொடை தந்து இப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தினை நிறுவிய பெருமைக்குரிய அண்ணாமலை அரசரும் அவரது வழித்தோன்றல்களும் தொடக்க முதல் இன்று வரை ஆற்றிவந்துள்ள பணி, காட்டிய வழி, செய்த சேவை போன்றவையே இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் தனிச்சிறப்புப் பெற்று தலைநிமிர்ந்து நிற்பதற்கும், செம்மையாகச் செயல்படுவதற்கும் உறுதுணையாக இருந்து வருகின்றன என்றால் அது மிகையாகாது.

செல்வம் படைத்தோர், சமுதாய நிலையிலே உயர்ந்தோர் என ஒரு சார்பினருக்கே உயர் கல்வி அறிவு கிடைத்துவந்த அந்தக் காலகட்டத்தில், ஏழை எளியோர், சமுதாயத்தின் அடிமட்டத்தில் இருப்போர் போன்ற அனைவரும் உயர்கல்வி பெற உகந்த நுழைவாயிலாக அமைந்து, உயரிய சேவையைக் கல்விக்காக ஆற்றியது இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் என்று எண்ணும் போது அப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தால் உருவாக்கப்பட்டவன் என்ற நிலையிலே என் உள்ளம் பேருவகை கொள்கிறது. இந்த உவகை, கடந்த அறுபது ஆண்டுகளில் இப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தால் உருவாக்கப்பட்ட ஆயிரக்கணக்கான நெஞ்சங்களுக்கும் தோன்றும் என்பதில் வியப்பில்லை.

அறுபது ஆண்டுகள் என்பது சமுதாய வாழ்க்கையில் குறிப்பிடத் தகுந்த ஒரு காலகட்டமாகும். சஷ்டியப்த பூர்த்தி, வைர விழா என்றெல்லாம் பெயர் பெற்று இக்காலகட்டம் போற்றப்படுவதையும், கொண்டாடப் படுவதையும் நாம் கண்கூடாகப் பார்க்கிறோம். இப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வாழ்வும் வரலாறும் எதிர்காலச் சமுதாயத்திற்கும் கல்விப் பணிக்கும் உற்ற அடித்தளமாகவும் உரிய வழிகாட்டுவதாகவும் நிச்சயம் அமையும். இதன் கல்விப் பணி மேலும் சிறந்தோங்கி, உலக அரங்கில் இதன் பெயர் என்றென்றும் நிலைத்திருக்க வேண்டும், பொன் எழுத்துக்களில் பொறிக்கப் பட வேண்டும் என்ற என் உள்ளார்ந்த ஆசையினை - தமிழ் மக்களது நல்லாசியினை இந்த வாழ்த்துச் செய்தியின் மூலம் வெளிப்படுத்திக் கொள்வதில் பெரிதும் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன்.

வாழ்க வளமுடன் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்!

தொடர்ந்து வளர்க அதன் கல்விப்பணி!

M. LAKSHMANAN
Vice-Chancellor
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

It gives me great pleasure to know that Annamalai University has completed sixty years of remarkable service to the cause of higher education and research and that it is going to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee soon. I wish the celebrations every success.

I trust the Souvenir that is proposed to be brought out on the happy occasion will contain inspiring articles and kudos from distinguished alumni, in grateful recollection of their earlier days, spent at the University.

My best wishes go to the University.

Dr. LALITHA ANANTHASUBRAMANIAM
Director of Medical Education
Tamil Nadu

I am very much impressed with the endeavours of the Annamalai University in the field of Medical, Dental, Pharmacy and Nursing Education, and Post-Graduate Studies in Dentistry. The Medical College is maintaining a very high standard, with highly qualified and seasoned teachers.

I am also impressed with the para-medical courses in Pharmacy and Nursing at the University. With more and more trained Pharmacists and Nursing Personnel coming out, the health awareness among the rural poor is made more easily possible.

I wish that the University would give more importance to Traditional Medicine and Medical Research. I also earnestly hope that the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences will start Post-Graudate Studies in Medicine.

I pray God to bless the Annmalai University for its continued progress, and wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

Dr. (Mrs.) RAJAMMAL P. DEVADAS
Vice-Chancellor
Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women
Coimbatore

On this memorable occasion of the Annamalai University completing sixty years of its laudable service to the cause of higher education, I am happy to send this message of greetings, as a proud alumnus.

Founded by the philanthropist of great repute, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, who was an institution by himself, the University has made phenomenal progress over the last 60 years and grown to enormous dimensions.

The University, under the dynamic leadership of its Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors, has become one of the Centres of Excellence in Higher Education. The progress achieved by this University is due to the sound policies followed by eminent Vice-Chancellors and enlightened academicians associated with the management of the University. The dedicated and tireless service of the teaching staff and the committed scholars through these 60 years has paved the way for academic distinctions. The University has produced outstanding men and women who are engaged in various facets of development of our motherland.

I am confident that in the years to come, this University will register further rapid development in quality, and move forward to greater heights of glory. I render my homage to the illustrious Founder and convey my warmest greetings to the present Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and others connected with the University, on this happy occasion.

முனைவர் ச. அகத்தியலிங்கம்
முன்னாள் துணைவேந்தர்
தமிழ்ப் பல்கலைக்கழகம், தஞ்சாவூர்

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தமிழ் வளர்க்கும் ஒரு பெரும் கலைக்கூடம் ஆகும். அண்ணாமலைப் பேரரசர் 1929-இல் இதை ஒரு தமிழ்ப் பல்கலைக் கழகமாகத் தொடங்கியதும் எத்தனையோ தமிழ்ப் பேரறிஞர்களை அவர்தம் ஊர்களுக்கே சென்று அழைத்துவந்து தமிழ்க் கட்டில்களில் உட்காரவைத்து மகிழ்ந்ததும் இத்தகைய ஆற்றல்வாய்ந்த தமிழ்ப் பேரறிஞர்கள் வாழ்ந்த தமிழ்ப் பெருங்கூடமாக அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் விளங்கியதும் இந்நிலையில் என் உள்ளத்தில் அலை மோதுவதைக் காணுகிறேன்.

பெரும்புலவர் விபுலாநந்த அடிகள், சட்ட வல்லுநர் கா. சு. பிள்ளையவர்கள், பண்டிதமணி மு. கதிரேசஞ்செட்டியார் அவர்கள் போன்ற பல பெரும் அறிஞர் ஏறுகளின் இருப்பிடமாகவே அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் விளங்கியது.

இன்று தமிழகத்தில் தமிழறிவும் தமிழ்ப்பற்றும் இத்துணை அளவிற்கு வளர்ந்திருக்கிறது என்றால் அதற்கு ஒரு காரணம் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம் என்பதை யாராலும் மறுக்க முடியாது. தமிழாய்வுக்கு என ஒரு துறை, தமிழ்க் கீழ்த்திசைப் படிப்புக்கு என மற்றொரு துறை, தமிழ்க் கலைப் படிப்புக்கு என இன்னொரு துறை என்பதோடு மட்டுமன்றித் தமிழிசைக்கும் என ஒரு தனித்துறையை அமைத்து முத்தமிழும் முழங்கும் ஒரு பாசறையாக அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் விளங்குகின்றது.

அண்ணாமலை அரசரின் அடியொற்றி வந்த அவர்தம் புதல்வர் முத்தையவேள் அவர்களும் தந்தை கண்ட கனவுகளை எல்லாம் நனவாக்கி அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தை இந்திய நாட்டில் மட்டும் அன்றி உலக நாடுகள் அளவில் ஒரு நல்ல பல்கலைக்கழகமாக உருவாக்கிக் கொடுத்த பெருமை நாளும் நினைந்து போற்றுதற்குரியதாகும். அவர் தம் வாழ்நாளில் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் கண்ட துறைகள் ஏராளம் ஏராளம் என்று சொன்னால் அது மிகையாகாது.

எத்தனையோ பேரறிஞர்களை அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணை வேந்தர்களாக கொண்டு வந்து வளம் சேர்த்த பெருமை செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர் அண்ணாமலை அரசர் குடும்பத்தாரைச்சாரும்.

அவர்களை அடியொற்றி இப்போதுள்ள இணைவேந்தர் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களும் ஆவன பலசெய்து அண்ணாமலைப்

பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் புகழ், பேரொளி வீசிப் பறப்பதற்கு வழிவகை செய்து வருவது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

இப்பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் எத்தனையோ ஆண்டுகள் வலம் வந்தவன் நான். அங்குள்ள கல்லிலும் மணலிலும், சாலையிலும், சோலையிலும், கோயில்களிலும், குளங்களிலும் நடந்து திரிந்து தூய்மையான தமிழ்க் காற்றை நுகர்ந்து மொழியியல் பேராசிரியராகவும் தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரிய ராகவும் வளர்ந்தவன் நான். இந்நிலையில் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வைர விழாவைக் கொண்டாடுவது என்னுடைய உள்ளத்தில் பெருமையையும் பெருமகிழ்ச்சியையும், தருகிறது. சாகாவரம் பெற்ற தமிழிலக்கியம்போல, புனிதமான தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டைப்போல் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வாழவும் வளரவும் மேலும் மேலும் சிறப்புற்று வரலாறு படைக்கவும் எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவனை இறைஞ்சுகிறேன்.

DEVENDRA KUMAR
Vice-Chancellor
Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram

The Annamalai University is.one of the oldest universities of the country and probably the first university started by the munificence of a great philanthropist and educationist. Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar will be ever remembered for this pioneering work in the field of higher education. The University has become an institution of excellence in many fields and a pace-setter in higher education. May each year that comes bring new laurels to the University and may the benefits flow to all the people. I hope the University will develop many programmes to fulfill the needs of the common man and the community at large.

I send my congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

Dr. P.S. SUBRAMANIAN
Director of Collegiate Education
Madras

The Annamalai University, established by the great visionary, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, in the year 1929, has grown from strength to strength, during the past sixty years. It has excelled in fiedls like Fine Arts, Literature, Agriculture and Engineering. It has rendered yeoman service and has thrown open the floodgates of higher education to the backward and downtrodden people of Tamil Nadu, especially those from South Arcot District. It has turned out several leaders and luminaries of Arts, Science and Technology. Those who left the portals of this University have found themselves in good positions all over the country and also abroad.

I am sure with its impressive performance during the last six decades, Annamalai University will flourish further and reacher greater heights in the years to come.

My hearty congratulations and best wishes for the success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Prof. AGAM PRASAD MATHUR

Vice-Chancellor
Agra University, Agra

The Annamalai University is one of the oldest and most renowned universities of India. It has set and consistently maintained high educational and academic standards. It has specially done great service to Tamil Nadu by promoting research in Tamil language, literature, culture and history. The Diamond Jubilee of such a great University should be celebrated with all the grandeur and magnificence it deserves.

I wish your endeavours all success.

SYED HASHIM ALI

Vice-Chancellor
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

I had visited the Annamalai University a few years back and was deeply impressed not only by the campus and the academic atmosphere, but also by the highest ideals and purpose for which Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad established it in 1929. The same devotion and dedication was also evident in the personality of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Pro-Chancellor, who continues to take interest in the University in the same manner.

On behalf of the Aligarh Muslim University and, on my own behalf, I congratulate the University on the completion of sixty years of glorious work and pray that the University continue to grow and serve the cause of higher education.

Dr. K.G. DESHMUKH
Vice-Chancellor
Amravati University, Amravati

The laudable achievements of the Annamalai University are primarily due to the solid foundation laid by its Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad.

In any development of human resources, education has to play a crucial role for the development of human personality. Traditional pattern of education is inadequate in the present context because it may not meet the growing thirst for knowledge of millions of our people. If education is to benefit every individual, regardless of age or sex, it must become available for every citizen of India.

It is in this context that the concept of Open Education becomes most relevant. I am confident that the University would strive hard to fulfil its obligations to mankind in the years to come. My best wishes on this happy occasion.

Prof. K.V. RAMANA
Vice-Chancellor
Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

I have great pleasure in conveying the best wishes of the Andhra University on this unique occasion. Annamalai University has done much in the period of sixty years of its existence to serve the cause of higher education. I sincerely hope that it will continue to serve in a bigger way in the decades to come. I congratulate the Annamalai University.

Prof. L. SURYANARAYANA

Vice-Chancellor

Andhra Pradesh University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada

For all the alumini of this prestigious University, wherever located, the Diamond Jubilee will be a very joyous occasion.

On behalf of the University of Health Sciences and myself, I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success, and greater glory to Annamalai University in the years to come.

Prof. R.P. RASTOGI

Vice-Chancellor

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Annamalai University, a great seat of learning, has crossed sixty milestones, each representing glorious achievements in the field of higher learning and research. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will certainly provide for a meaningful pause to reflect on its laudable achievements and also to plan for a dynamic programme, to contribute to a new era of economic growth and future prosperity. The responsibility of developing human resources to meet the new challenges lies on the Universities in a big way, and more so, on the institutions which have acquired experience and wisdom over a long period of their dedicated service.

The Annamalai University, by its example, will be setting a model for other sister institutions to follow.

On behalf of the Banaras Hindu University and on my own behalf, I convey my best wishes to the University for many many years of useful service to the cause of national reconstruction and character-building.

Prof. D.K. DAS GUPTA

Vice-Chancellor

Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Haringhate, Nadia

It is a matter of our proud history that during the long years of our struggle for freedom, some very noble sons of India, in the truest Vedic traditions, could visualize that true freedom can only be ushered in by the freedom of the mind. Education frees the mind from its earthly bondage and emanicipation follows. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was one of the very few distinguished persons, who could translate the wisdom for the benefit of mankind and through his benevolence, a centre of learning in the shape of a University has been inherited.

On behalf of my University and on my own behalf, I take this opportunity to convey best wishes to the University, its administrators, staff and students on this auspicious occasion.

Dr. HARSH K. GUPTA

Vice-Chancellor

Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin

On the eve of the Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University, I compliment the University on its achievements which have been made possible through hard and dedicated work of the teachers, staff and students of the University.

I wish the University a bright future, and the Celebrations all success.

Prof. MAHENDRA S. SODHA

Vice-Chancellor

Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore

The Annamalai University has been a pioneer promoter of the highest ideals and standards in higher education. We all wish that in the years to come the University attains the highest standards in teaching and research and does distinguished service to the community and the country.

Dr. M.R. THAKUR

Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan

During the last six decades of its existence, the Annamalai University has made meritorious progress by reaching new heights of excellence and innovation in academic pursuit and research, under the stewardship of various eminent men of standing and achievement.

I hope the University with its fairly long standing of service to the cause of education will uphold the higher ideals of education, culture and the Indian way of life, besides infusing a deep sense of discipline and patriotism amongst its students.

I send my good wishes for the success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Prof. D.P. BAROOAH
Vice-Chancellor
Gauhati University, Gauhati

On behalf of the oldest University in India's North East, I have great pleasure in extending to all of you our cordial greetings and good wishes on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Annamalai University. Our University is younger by 19 years as compared to the year of establishment of your great University. The old and young act together in the fraternity of India's University system to achieve academic excellence by doing more and always better. The Annamalai University can justly be proud of its achievements over the last few decades in the field of higher education. And we all agree that education is the most potent instrument in bringing about social change. We are all happy that the third dimension, i.e., extension, has been added to a University's basic purposes of teaching and research.

Dr. B. SHEIK ALI
Vice-Chancellor
Goa University, Goa

The Annamalai University was conceived by the Founder-Fathers with great expectations for a social purpose. Its main objectives were not merely to generate, impart, extend and examine knowledge but also to preserve our rich cultural traditions, to enrich the treasure of our language and literature, to promote scientific temper and rational outlook, and to train our youth to live together and face the challenges of tomorrows. The Founders had a vision that this University, standing at the summit of higher learning, would hold the key to the welfare of the people; it would act as the conscience of the community; it would be an instrument of a new social order, and an agent of a great social change; it would herald the dawn of a new era of humanism, liberalism and the basic values of life; it would inject in our youth a sense of social responsibility, a sense of pride, hope and faith in the future of our country; and that it would nurture in them a new zeal and zest for life.

This temple of learning has been fully engaged in integrating the best of the past with the finest of the present to build a glorious tomorrow. I pray that the dream of the Founder-Fathers should be fulfilled.

Dr. HAR SWARUP SINGH
Vice-Chancellor
Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar

Among the seats of higher learning in India, the Annamalai University, which has a glorious tradition as an outstanding centre of higher learning and research, has played a significant role in the country's progress, both before and after Independence.

Founded by the great visionary, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, the Annamalai University has not been a cloistered place of quiet teaching and research but has extended its services to the rural folk and has established a rapport with the peasants and farmers of the rural interior. The contribution of this great seat of learning in the field of language, literature and culture of Tamil Nadu is also exemplary.

It is but proper that the completion of sixty years of its purposeful existence is celebrated with fervour and grandeur befitting the occasion. I hope other universities of the country will follow the example of this institution and emulate the high standards that have been established at Annamalai University.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

BIMALENDU MUKHERJEE
Vice-Chancellor
Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh

I join the commemorative festivities with my heartiest felicitations to all affiliated to the University for their commendable endeavours in promoting various disciplines of education, including Music and Dance, in the Southern region of India and I hope it will continue to do, with the same impetuous zeal, in the years to come.

Dr. D. SWAMINATHAN

Vice-Chancellor
Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad

Founded in 1929, through the magnificent munificence of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the University has modernised, diversified and deepened the content and the quality of its academic programmes, including in its impressive gamut, the traditional Humanities, established Sciences and emerging Technologies over the years. The stupendous strides taken by the University in the sphere of Engineering education, especially, in Computer Sciences and Applications, are of special significance to me. In the field of Distance Education, the University has been a pace-setter, taking knowledge to the threshold of the seeker of education (*Vidyaarthi*) to slake his thirst for *Jnana.*

Located in the hallowed arena of the Lord of Dance *(Nataraja)* the quest of the University has been the expanse of the sky of consciousness (*Chidambaram*), through *Jnana Marga.* As the University turns venerable sixty, I extend my cordial greetings to the Administrators, Faculty and Students and hope that the University will forge ahead as a harbinger of responsive and purposive knowledge, blending the reserves of tradition with the dynamics of innovation.

Prof. JAFAR NIZAM

Vice-Chancellor
Kakatiya University, Warangal

The Annamalai University has established itself as a premier institute of learning worthy of the vision of the great philanthropist, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad.

The record of achievements of the great University is well-known. Its service to the young students in all branches of learning with excellent facilities has set enviable example in the field of higher education and research.

I send my best wishes on the happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and my prayers for further academic achievement.

Dr. J. KUMAR

Vice-Chancellor

Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga

We are deeply impressed by the phenomenal growth and all round development of the Annamalai University which is worth emulation by others.

Our greetings on the happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

Prof. K.M. SAFEEULLA

Vice-Chancellor

Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri

Over the past sixty years, the Annamalai University has charted an illustrious path in the history of education in India. Nevertheless, I am sure, Annamalai University will not rest on its laurels but go forth into the unchartered future, "With Courage and Faith", (as your motto so eloquently states). The task before all of us today is to bring the benefits of education, of science and technology, of humanity and a democratic system of values, to the common man and to rural India, so that a glorious future is made possible for our great nation.

On the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the University, I am happy to send my warm felicitations and best wishes for a glorious future.

P.V. SALVI
Vice-Chancellor
Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani

The Annamalai University has made pioneering efforts in new areas of higher education and has excellent achievements to its credit, in imparting advanced knowledge in the fields of Arts, Science and Technology as well as its contribution to research in Tamil Literature, Art and Culture. I am very happy that the Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated in a befitting manner and I wish the function all success.

Dr. M.G. BOKARE
Vice-Chancellor
Nagpur University, Nagpur

The Annamalai University has done commendable work in the imparting of advanced and updated knowledge and training in Arts, Science and Technology during the past sixty years. Its B.Ed. Course through Correspondence is an exploration to be followed by all other academic institutions. I am sure the University will continue with the same spirit and enthusiasm in the coming years.

K.P. YAJNIK

Vice-Chancellor
North Gujarat University, Patan (N.G.)

During its journey of six decades, the Annamalai University has charted an illustrious course and pursued knowledge in a number of directions. With a steady progress as an institution of excellence, it has produced eminent personalities and served the nation well.

On this auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I felicitate all those associated with the University and send my best wishes for its march towards a glorious centenary.

R.N. GUPTA

Vice-Chancellor
Poorvanchal University, Jaunpur

The Annamalai University is a centre of higher learning which has got a band of devoted workers and a glorious history. It has been incessantly striving to raise the level of people of Tamil Nadu in all respects these sixty years.

On the happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I send my congratulations and good wishes to this seat of learning for it to continue to develop further and serve the nation.

HK. MANMOHAN SINGH

Vice-Chancellor
Punjabi University, Patiala

On behalf of the Faculty of Punjabi University, and on my own behalf, I am happy to send our greetings and good wishes, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Annamalai University, founded by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, a great philanthropist and educationist. I believe that a modern university needs gigantic assimilative capacity to cope with the unprecedented explosion of knowledge. It should also be able to temper science with humanism for the true release of man's spirit and strike a balance between the cultural aspirations and requirements of a region, on the one hand, and its obligations to the international network of educational institutions, on the other. It is a matter of immense satisfaction to note that the Annamalai University is committed to these ideals. During the past sixty years it has made tremendous progress in the various academic spheres in general and as a seat of Tamil Language, Culture, Art and Music, in particular. I hope the University will preserve its glorious traditions and use the present occasion as a stepping stone for launching on new programmes for bridging the gap between dream and reality.

JANARDANRAI NAGAR

Vice-Chancellor
Rajasthan Vidyapeeth, Udaipur

I share the joy and grandeur of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University which has the distinction of being a prestigious seat of learning. The many academic achievements to its credit are a testimony of its greater contribution to higher learning.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

Prof. L.K. MAHAPATRA

Vice-Chancellor
Sambalpur University, Sambalpur

On this auspicious occasion, I congratulate those responsible for the all round development of the University in the field of Higher Education, including Technical Education and Research, these sixty years.

I wish all the best for even a greater progress of Annamalai University.

Prof. G.C. NAYAK

Vice-Chancellor
Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vishvavidyalaya, Puri

I am delighted to learn about the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University.

I express my heart-felt greetings and best wishes on this occasion, and hope that the University, as a centre of learning and research, will march ahead from success to greater success in the years to come.

Dr. S.N. SARAF
Vice-Chancellor
Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Anantapur

The Annamalai University is one of the pioneering Universities established during pre-independence days by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, a great philanthropist and an eminent educationist. The University is recognised as a great seat of learning and has achieved heights of excellence in several fields.

I wish the Annamalai University success and do hope that the students of the University will become disciplined citizens, to play their role in the welfare of our great country.

Prof. C. NARAYANA REDDY
Vice-Chancellor
Telugu University, Hyderabad

The Annamalai University is one of the most respected educational institutions in India. During the course of its six decades of illustrious existence, it has made very rapid strides covering large areas of higher learning. The Annamalai University is a synonym for academic standards and maintenance of high degree of discipline. I convey my greetings to the teachers and students of this great institution on this eventful occasion and wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

Dr. S.V. SOHONI

Vice-Chancellor
Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune

This great educational foundation, established by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad has been playing a very vital role in promoting higher education in an important region of our country, on the twin basis of fervent idealism and rugged realism.

We convey to the University our hearty congratulations and best wishes for its establishing increasingly glorious levels of achievements in different areas of education, learning and research.

Dr. K. KRISHNAMURTHY

Vice-Chancellor
University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

I have pleasure in sending my greetings on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University which was founded by the vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, and which has grown today into an outstanding centre of higher learning and research.

The illustrious successors have equally continued to seeing this great institution blossom into a fully developed centre of learning.

I am happy to learn of the sterling contribution made by the University to the development of Tamil Literature and Culture. I congratulate all the faculty and alumni who have contributed to enhancing the prestige of the University.

My greetings and good wishes once again on the happy occasion.

Dr. J.V. GOUD

Vice-Chancellor
University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad

The Annamalai University was founded with courage and faith by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad at Annamalainagar for the benefit and upliftment of the people residing around Annamalainagar in particular, and Tamil Nadu and the country in general.

The services rendered by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and his efforts in developing the University are commendable.

I wish the historic Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

Dr. (Miss) M.D. BENGALEE

Vice-Chancellor
University of Bombay, Bombay

Annamalai University's contribution to higher education is known not only in India but all over the world. It has innumerable innovations in the area of Correspondence Courses and Distance Education Programmes.

I wish the University every success in the coming years and hope that it continues to assist the nation's cause in providing the best scientists and technologists to face the twenty first century.

Prof. BHASKAR RAY CHAUDHURI

Vice-Chancellor
University of Calcutta, Calcutta

During the sixty years of its glorious progress, the Annamalai University has passed through significant milestones. In keeping with the avowed aims of its Founder, it has been trying to reach heights of academic excellence and to pursue innovations in areas of learning, enquiry and research.

I convey my heartiest felicitations to the organisers and wish the Diamond Jubilee function a grand success.

Prof. Bh. KRISHNAMURTI

Vice-Chancellor
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

The Annamalai University has made significant contribution to knowledge in many fields of higher learning. Many outstanding scholars have served or are serving at the University.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

Dr. M.L. MATHUR
Vice-Chancellor
University of Jodhpur, Jodhpur

The Annamalai University is one of the pioneer universities of the country and has been a trend setter. On the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee, I send my greetings and best wishes for its continued progress.

Dr. KALYAN KUMAR DASGUPTA
Vice-Chancellor
University of Kalyani, West Bengal

It is a matter of pride and glory for any academic institution to cross the sixtieth year of its existence. And Annamalai University will be shortly doing just that and celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. As the Vice-Chancellor of a sister University, I am aware of its manifold activities, academic and otherwise, which are quite in tune with the social needs of today as well as tomorrow. Indeed, with its moorings in our rich cultural past, the Annamalai University has all these years been able to establish a significant link between its active present and fruitful future. I am sure and confident that the members of all sections of this University will unitedly work for its uninterrupted march towards progress.

Let me have the privilege of sending my best wishes on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Prof. K.N. CHATTERJEE

Vice-Chancellor
University of North Bengal, Rajarammohanpur

For a University, the Diamond Jubilee is a memorable occasion and I have the pleasure to share with the Vice-Chancellor and his colleagues of the Annamalai University the joy that this occasion suggests.

The University has, over the years, attained sustained growth at the hands of brilliant people serving it in different capacities. The phenomenal growth of the University during the last sixty years is a reflection of the remarkable progress made by the University in higher education.

No wonder, this University like any other University in the country has been feeling the pressure of change in society, with the vast influx of new knowledge and with an increasingly competitive life. I am glad to note that this University has already initiated responses in the matter, and has established greater contacts with larger sections of the people. I am glad to have this opportunity to congratulate the University on this auspicious occasion of its Diamond Jubilee, and pray for its triumphant progress.

NEMAI SADHAN BOSE

Vice-Chancellor
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

In a developing country like ours, education is of prime importance for overall growth and prosperity of the nation. Through education we can take the benefits of our major development projects within the reach of the poor people. Those who are able to have University Education, bear special responsibility to enlighten the less educated mass. A vast number of illiterate population may also be shown the light of literacy with the initiative of the University students.

I wish that the Annamalai University will be a pioneer in this regard during its journey to the Centenary.

Prof. S.K. AGRAWALA
Secretary
Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi

The Annamalai University can very legitimately take pride in having established and nurtured forty-five departments under the various faculties. It would be difficult to conceive of a discipline or a field of knowledge which is not covered by one of its departments. It can now claim to be one of the leading institutions in the field of higher education in the country.

This is also an occasion when the university should pay glowing tributes to those builders of the University like the Chettiar family who founded the University and guided it through all these years, as well as the distinguished Vice-Chancellors who administered and developed it to its present dimensions.

On this extremely happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I congratulate all those who are associated with the University and wish their efforts towards the achievement of excellence in every direction, all success.

SAROJINI VARADAPPAN
President
Women's Indian Association, Madras

The Annamalai University has grown from strength to strength under the able stewardship of the Chettinad Family. It has reached its present height of excellence, with forty five departments of studies under various faculties. On this happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, I send my heartiest good wishes.

Justice M.M. ISMAIL

Former Chief Justice
Madras High Court, Madras

This unique University which owes its origin to the magnificent munificence and far-sightedness of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, has, during the course of the years, grown into one of the best known universities in the country, by virtue of the extraordinary interest the Founder had taken in the development and growth of the University as a teaching and residential one in the heart of Tamil Nadu. After his death in 1948, his son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar showed the same zeal and interest in the expansion of all the activities of the University, and after him, his son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is continuing the tradition, with dedication, devotion and dynamism.

The University, from the very beginning, had a galaxy of eminent and outstanding men, who were known for their efficiency and excellence not only in our country but also all over the world, as its successive Vice-Chancellors. And similarly, men of extraordinary ability, deep erudition, wide scholarship and exemplary character have functioned as teachers in the University. All these facts combined together to produce one of the most outstanding Universities in the country, which now has 45 full-fledged Departments in different faculties, including Marine Biology and Medicine and is located in the same campus of more than 750 acres of land. No wonder, therefore, that the students who have passed through such a University are now to be found all over the world occupying distinguished positions and pursuing several courses of further studies to the glory of their Alma Mater.

While extending my greetings and good wishes for the success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, I pray that under the dynamic leadership of the present Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and others in charge of the administration of the University, it will grow faster still, in keeping with the explosive speed with which knowledge in several fields is growing all over the world.

JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH

Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

It is my very great pleasure to send greetings to Annamalai University on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee. My pleasure is enhanced because I count myself a graduate in honorary status of this noted institution. I am sure that all gathering for this celebration will wish to see the University rededicated to many more decades and centuries of service, and that wish I strongly support. One of my proudest associations with India has been with its universities, and no visit to any of them gave me more pleasure, than that, now a quarter of a century back, to Annamalai. You all should know my pleasure in the memory that this Jubilee celebration has aroused in me.

Dr. K. RANGASWAMY

Mayura Clinic
Chidambaram

I deem it a proud privilege and honour to felicitate and greet the Annamalai University, my Alma Mater, on the eve of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

With feelings of genuine and spontaneous gratitude, I most heartily congratulate the University Authorities, the Staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for their having marvelously shouldered the challenging task of making the University zealously serve the cause of education, and particularly fulfil the dreams and desires of the people of this socially backward South Arcot District.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar had liberally and whole heartedly donated a huge sum and also devotedly seen through the enormous growth and development of the University. The present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, has dedicated himself to fulfilling their dreams and has founded the Faculties of Dentistry and Medicine. He is rendering invaluable service to the cause of education in general and medical education and health care in particular, besides sports. Under his commendable stewardship, the University, I hope, will grow from strength to strength in the years to come.

May Lord Nataraja and Lord Govindaraja, the presiding deities of Chidambaram, abundantly shower their blessings for the rapid growth and development of the University, towards its Centenary.

My heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the grand success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

S. NARAYANASWAMY

Madras

With Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the building of the Annamalai University began as a magnificent obsession, but he was able to command the needed resources, determination and the organising capacity to translate this obsession into a reality in an incredibly short span of time.

The Annamalai University has had a succession of eminent Vice-Chancellors of both Indian and International reputation. Each one of them occupied conspicuous places in the chess-board of Indian public and educational life, which provided them with the wealth of experience to help them conduct the University's affairs.

Successive Vice-Chancellors of the University have done a fine job of steering the ship through stormy seas from time to time.

As one who was present at the Silver and Golden Jubilees of the University and watched it weather storms and stresses, I am confident about the future of this fine campus. I am sure the University will continue to broaden its base of instruction and emerge as a premier centre of academic excellence in the decades to come.

All good wishes for a successful completion of the Celebrations.

NANI A. PALKHIVALA

Senior Advocate, Supreme Court
Bombay

The Annamalai University, founded by the prescience and munificence of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad in 1929, has done its benefactor proud these sixty years.

The University, with its high standards, its holistic approach to education, at a time when everything is reduced to the mundane level of marks scored in an examination, is rare and remarkable indeed. We cannot have enough of such centres of excellence, for on this firm base alone can the edifice of democracy be maintained.

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University, I wish it many more years in the service of the people.

MP. NARAYANAN

Chairman
Coal India Limited, Calcutta

It is no mean achievement for an educational institution which had a small beginning to grow in stature as the Annamalai University has done and be in the forefront in all its activities over a period of sixty years.

This University has been a cultural centre of the region and has produced men of eminence like the Honourable President of India, Sri R. Venkataraman, Justice Mr. V.R. Krishna Iyer, Dr. P.C. Alexander who have brought laurels to the University and to the country.

I am happy that during my tenure in the Neyveli Lignite Corporation, the University and the Company could build a rapport and set an example for mutual purposeful inter-action. The Neyveli Hospital could provide clinical support for medical education at the University. On its part, the University helped the growth of a number of engineers in acquiring their Degrees and Post Graduate qualifications. Also, Distance Education has been a boon to the Neyveli community. I am also happy to record that the University was able to utilise the experience and expertise of the executive of the Public Sector and bring about a practical approach to the theoretical study of management education.

My view is that "given the proper leadership and facilities, educational institution and industry could provide the bridge between theory and practice", and it has been proved by our experience with the Annamalai University.

I must place on record my appreciations of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and his illustrious father Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar who have kept the lineage luminous with their leadership, bold approach, pragmatism and sense of values which have fostered this institution to the present level of eminence.

My best wishes to the University for its celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in all its grandeur.

MAHIP SINGH

Chairman-cum-Managing Director
Neyveli Lignite Corporation, Neyveli

My good wishes go to the Annamalai University for its continued success in taking further leading role in providing light of knowledge in Tamilnadu.

The Neyveli Lignite Corporation has had close associations with the Annamalai University for years, in forging meaningful interaction between industry and university. For quite some time, several senior engineers and executives have been serving in some academic boards and project committees, and our hospital too has become an affiliate of the Medical Faculty of the University. I mention this in particular because, academic bower and the industrial house could any time take up joint projects for the benefit of society, utilising the expertise of both.

The success of this magnificent institution has come through sustained efforts at excellence by all concerned. I convey my heartiest congratulations and good wishes to them, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the University.

P.S. GOPALAKRISHNAN

Chairman & Managing Director
Indian Overseas Bank, Madras

On this momentous occasion, it is my duty to pay rich tributes to the outstanding contribution made by the Founder of the University, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, to the cause of education in our country. I also felicitate all the previous and present academicians and administrators of Annamalai University. Due to their devotion and dedicated efforts, the University has been able to achieve and maintain a very high reputation as an institution for advanced learning.

While commemorating this historic landmark, I am sure, the University will continue to reach many more important milestones in the coming years.

V. ATAL
Managing Director
State Bank of India, Bombay

The Annamalai University has indeed carved a niche for itself among the premier educational institutions in the country as a seat of learning, academic excellence and research.

Please accept our greetings and best wishes from State Bank of India on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

M. GOPALAKRISHNAN
Chairman & Managing Director
Indian Bank, Madras

I feel privileged to greet the students, staff and families associated with this esteemed Centre of Learning — the Annamalai University — on this memorable occasion, and pray that the blessings of Lord Nataraja be showered on them.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy with their philanthropic and farsighted vision have brought alive the true development of Indian Education. All beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less in comparison to a single lovely action of this great family.

My best wishes on this happy occasion.

P. MARUTHAI PILLAI
Chairman
Aruna Sugars & Enterprises Limited, Madras

The Annamalai University, founded as one of the earliest educational institutions in modern India, by an individual, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, speaks eloquently of the farsighted vision and the greatness of the heart of its Founder.

One could hardly imagine a University being built, in a remote place in South Arcot District, which must have been a very backward area in those days, but for the famous Temple of Lord Nataraja. Much the same way as Chidambaram is an important place of worship for devotees, the Annamalai University has also become a sanctum sanctorum for students, educationists and everyone who is in search of knowledge.

The Rajah patronised literature, art, culture and education and the Annamalai University is the best monument to him.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, his illustrious son carried on this service with a missionary zeal. Now with his son Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy as the Pro-Chancellor, the University has already added many feathers to its cap.

Equally illustrious is the galaxy of Vice-Chancellors of this University, and the list of alumni will run like a 'who-is-who' of prominent Indians of modern India.

Already occupying a coveted position in the educational map of the country, I am sure, the University will definitely attain more and more international fame and reputation under the Pro-Chancellorship of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

I deem it a special privilege to convey my warm greetings and best wishes for the continued progress of the University.

G. VARADARAJ
Managing Trustee
PSG Institutions, Coimbatore

The contribution of the Annamalai University to the growth of education in general and refinement of culture in particular has been remarkable. The Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, may be rightly called the Asutosh Mukerjee of the South for the care with which he selected and invited the best of men, to hold the office of the Vice-Chancellor, and to head the several departments as well. This has been responsible for the high standards of teaching and research maintained by the University.

The Annamalai University, along with the Benaras Hindu University, has adopted a policy of freedom and self-discipline for the growth of the students. This has enabled them to develop leadership qualities even in their youth. Thus, the University can rightly boast of their alumni in positions of leadership in the academic world, in industry, business, and more importantly, in politics too.

The successive Pro-Chancellors have carried the dreams of the Founder to far greater heights, and the Institute of Health Sciences promoted by the present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, is a fascinating addition to the University.

We, in PSG, have always had close association with the successive generations of the Founder's family. Our founders have derived a lot of inspiration from Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar.

On this happy occasion, on behalf of myself, PSG & Sons' Charities and members of the PSG family, I offer my salutations to the great Founder and wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

Dr. G. RANGASWAMI

International Agricultural Consultant
Madras

It was my good fortune to have served on the staff of the Annamalai University, from 1958-65, during which period the University's Faculty of Agriculture was developed. As a member of the Academic Council, Senate and Syndicate I had associated myself closely with the various developmental activities and I recall with pride the good part of my life spent in the University.

Over the past sixty years, the University has served the cause of education at various levels and in different disciplines of Arts, Fine Arts, Engineering, Agriculture, Medicine, Education, Tamil Literature, etc. Located in an ideal rural set-up, it has been responsible for the upliftment of the community in the region. The addition of the Faculty of Agriculture to the University in 1959 was a major step in serving the cause of the rural people. The past students of the University, by their occupying many high positions in India and abroad, bring credit to the University. The glorious past has a lot to lend to the prosperous future of the University.

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations I feel it a great honour to send my best wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of the University.

M.M. APPAIYA

Chairman
Consolidated Coffee Ltd., Sidapur, Coorg

The impressive achievement of the Annamalai University in the last sixty years is a tribute to the dedication of three generations of the Chettinad Family to the pursuit and dissemination of higher knowledge.

The future of this noble institution will, I am sure, be impressive under the stewardship of the present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

I convey my sincere good wishes to the institution and pray that greater glory be showered on it in future. The Centenary of this noble venture is not far off and I am sure the University will add many more memorable achievements to its already proud heritage.

V. KARTHIKEYAN IAS (Retd.)

Former Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
Madras

I have been watching the progress of the Annamalai University from outside from 1941 to 1986, and from inside, as a Member of the Syndicate, from 1986, with great interest and admiration. The Founder Pro-Chancellor Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar took a big and historic step in 1929, when he established this University at Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram. Though emphasis at the beginning was on Tamil Langauge and culture including Tamil Music, subsequent developments which occurred in a fast pace, made the University a true and growing centre of higher education in both Arts and Science, with a high reputation for excellence in standards. The addition of Engineering, Nursing, Agriculture, Dental Science and Medicine in the later years has made this University a throbbing centre of modern education and research in all the important areas of Arts, Science and Technology.

The alumni of the University form a very large sector of the Country's intelligentsia and are to be found all over India and even abroad, holding very eminent positions in a variety of fields.

The Directorate of Distance Education of the University is among the leading institutions of that kind and enjoys very good patronage from learners all over the country and also from the Gulf Countries.

The University Campus has become a beautiful township with all amenities and facilities and the 5000 strong resident students truly experience national integration and broader vision.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy who followed the illustrious Founder, as Pro-Chancellors, have given their best to the well-planned growth of this University, and a fitting tribute is also due to the galaxy of eminent Vice-Chancellors including the present Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan who have spared no pains to make this University a first rate institution.

We have to acknowledge with gratitude the hard and meritorious work put in by the Faculty Members over these 60 years without which this glorious edifice of achievements would not have been possible.

I convey my very best wishes and sincere greetings to the University and all those connected with it on this auspicious occasion.

ராம. ரெங்கநாதஞ் செட்டியார்

செட்டிநாடு

இந்தியாவிலேயே தனிப்பட்ட செல்வர் ஒருவர் பெரும்நிதி அளித்து தனிப்பட்ட பல்கலைக் கழகமாகப் பீடுபெற நடத்திவரும் பெருமைமிகு பல்கலைக்கழகம் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகமே ஆகும். இப்பல்கலைக் கழகம் ''வைர விழாக்'' கொண்டாடுகிறது என்ற உவகை பொங்கும் செய்தியால் உள்ளம் பூரித்து நிற்கிறேன்.

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தை மேன்மைமிகு வள்ளல், ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்கள் கல்வியுலகில் கவின்மிகு மலரென உருவாக்கிய 1929-ஆம் ஆண்டுமுதல் அவர்களுடனும், பல்கலைக் கழகத்துடனும் நெருங்கிய தொடர்பு கொண்டவன் என்ற முறையில், என் மகிழ்ச்சி இரட்டிப்பாகின்றது.

வீறுசார் இளைஞர் உள்ளங்களில் கல்வி என்னும் ஒளிவிளக்கை ஏற்றி அச்சுடரை நாள்தோறும் வளர்த்துவரும் இம்மாண்பார் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் பயின்று பட்டம் பெற்றோர் நாடாளும் நல்ல தலைவர்களாகவும், ஆற்றல் மிக்க அரசு அதிகாரிகளாகவும், அறிவியல் மேதைகளாகவும் துறைதோறும் புகழ்மிக்க அறிஞர்களாகவும் விளங்குகின்றனர்.

''அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் வளர்ச்சியும் முன்னேற்றமும்தான் ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் என்னுடைய முதல் சிந்தனை'' என்று அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்கள் என்னிடம் கூறுவார்கள். இந்த நாட்டிலும், வெளி நாட்டிலும் பெருந் தொழில்களையும் வாணிகத்தையும் நடத்தி வந்த அவர்கள் இவ்வாறு கூறினார்கள் என்றால், அவர்கள் இந்நாட்டு இளைஞர்களின் உயர்கல்வியில் எவ்வளவு ஆர்வம் கொண்டிருந்தார்கள் என்பது விளங்கும்.

அவர்கள் புகழ்மிக்க துணைவேந்தர்களையும், திறமை சான்ற பேராசிரியர்களையும் தாமே நேரில் சென்று அழைத்துவந்து, சேயை வளர்க்கும் தாயைப் போலப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தை வளர்த்தார்கள். பல இலட்சம் ரூபாயும், பல நூறு ஏக்கர் நிலமும் வழங்கி இம்மாபெரும் கலைக் கோயிலை உருவாக்கினார்கள். தமிழ் மொழி, தமிழ் இலக்கியம், தமிழ் இசை ஆகியவற்றுக்குப் பெரும் பேராசிரியர்களைக் கொண்டு அதுவரை யாரும், எந்த நிறுவனமும் ஆற்றியிராத அரும் பெருந் தொண்டினை ஆற்றச் செய்தார்கள். அறிவியலும், பொறியியலும் வளரச் செய்தார்கள்.

அவர்களைத் தொடர்ந்து டாக்டர் ராஜாசர் முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்கள், உயர்ந்த தந்தையின் உத்தம மைந்தராக விளங்கி, அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் புதிய துறைகள் பலவற்றைத் தோற்றுவித்துப்

புகழேணியில் ஏற்றினார்கள். மருத்துவக் கல்லூரியும், தொலைதூரக் கல்வியும் தொடங்கி பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் கல்விப் பணியை விரிவுபடுத்தினார்கள்.

அவர்களைத் தொடர்ந்து டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள் மாண்புசால் முத்தையா உடல்நல அறிவியல் நிலையத்தைத் தொடங்கிப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் மருத்துவக் கல்வியை விரிவுபடுத்தியுள்ளார்கள். மிகப்பெரிய மருத்துவமனையையும் அமைத்து வருகின்றார்கள்.

இணையற்ற இணைவேந்தர்களின் ஆதரவும், பீடுசான்ற துணை வேந்தர்களின் வழிகாட்டுதலும் திறமை மிக்க பேராசிரியர்களின் நல்லுழைப்பும் பெற்று இந்தியாவின் சிறந்த தனிப் பல்கலைக்கழகமாகத் திகழும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் இப்பொழுது வானுயர் சிறப்பின் வளமிகு சான்றாக ''வைர விழாக்'' கொண்டாடுகின்றது.

விழா வியத்தகு சிறப்புடன் நடைபெறவும், விழாவில் மலரும் சிறப்பு மலர், ''வைரம் இடை கட்டி மாணிக்கம் பதித்து, முத்தும் இழைத்த'' பதக்கம் போல எழில் பெற்று விளங்கவும், செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர் குடும்பத்தின் புகழ் மலைவிளக்கென ஒளிரவும் என் உளமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துக்கள்.

Bala V. BALACHANDRAN
J.L. Kellogg Professor
Accounting and Information Systems, J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management
Northern University, USA

On behalf of the "Annamalai Alumni Association of America" Chicago Chapter and myself, let me (as President of the Chapter) express my hearty felicitations and good wishes on the occasion of the "Diamond Jubilee" Celebrations.

This great edifice of education helped many students, including three of my siblings, in addition to me.

By way of expressing our gratitude and appreciation, the Chicago Chapter is delighted to announce an "INTERNATIONAL VISITORS LECTURE PROGRAM BY EXPERTS AT ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY", by pledging a target of *one lakh of rupees* to be paid in five years by our Chapter Members. This fund is restricted to finance the internal travel expenses to Chidambaram and the boarding and lodging expenses at the campus. Each year experts from abroad will be identified and invited to the Annamalai University for a lecture, workshop and other research activities. The primary purpose is to motivate future experts to come from Annamalai University.

The first instalment of Rs. 20,000/- will be sent to you before the end of the year.

ANNAMALAI ALUMNI
Singapore

We convey our sincere best wishes to Annamalai University, on the eve of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

We note with interest that the present Vice-Chancellor, an alumnus himself, has been serving the University during the three significant facets of its growth —the Silver, the Golden and the Diamond Jubilees.

Our Alma Mater ensures not only academic education, but also education for personal and professional leadership in life.

We heartily associate ourselves with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and wish the function all success.

Dr. B.P. RAJAN

Principal and Prof. of Operative Dentistry
Madras Dental College, Madras

The Annamalai University is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee, after successfully implementing various Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate disciplines of study in the Arts and Sciences.

The keen interest shown by Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar has resulted in the introduction of Dental Science in the University, and the Dental Council of India has recognised the University as one of the centres of excellence for imparting Dental Education.

I am sure that the Dental services rendered free to the population in and around Chidambaram will be appreciated by everyone. I look forward to the continued humanitarian services of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy in the cause of serving the people.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee function a very grand success.

Prof. S.K. VERMA

Director
Central Institute of English & Foreign Languages, Hyderabad

I have been associated with the Annamalai University since 1967. I have seen the Department of Linguistics there grow into an advanced centre for linguistic research. The focus of the academic programmes at the University has been on a set of interrelated and mutually defining activities. The University has been really lucky in having some of the most distinguished educationists as its Vice-Chancellors. That is the reason why the University has succeeded in making higher education a process of all round growth and development.

I do hope the Annamalai University will come out with a variety of new innovative programmes in the years to come. I wish it all success.

M.S. SWAMINATHAN

Honorary Director

Centre for Research of Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development

Madras

One can look back with pride and satisfaction on the contributions of the Annamalai University during the last 60 years. On the happy occasion of its Diamond Jubilee, I wish the staff and students of the University continued success in their quest for excellence.

Dr. A.M. MICHAEL

Director

Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

The Annamalai University has been a pioneer and a beacon light in many fields of education ever since its establishment in 1929. The excellence achieved by the University in several areas of education is a fitting tribute to the vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, the Founder of the University.

We wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

B. SIVANTHI ADITYAN

President
Indian Olympic Association

It is indeed a matter of great pride that the Annamalai University, established in 1929, by the munificence of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, has had a spectacular growth and development as a seat of Education, Arts and Sciences, with special attention given to Tamil Language and Culture, as well as Tamil Music.

The contribution made by the successive Pro-Chancellors, commencing from Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, is stupendous.

During the 60 years of its meritorious progress, the Annamalai University has passed through significant milestones — it celebrated the Silver Jubilee in 1955, the Golden Jubilee in 1979, and now in 1989, it is poised to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Distinguished Vice-Chancellors have served the University all these years and nurtured the University to hold its torch of learning very high, to raise it to International standards of scientific excellence and establish a rapport with the rural folk.

The University marches on to its loftier destinies, imparting newer dimensions of knowledge and enlightenment and conquering unknown frontiers of the intellect.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

C.R. PATTABHI RAMAN
Barrister at Law
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court
Madras

I am happy and deem it a privilege to be asked to say a few words on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University. I have watched the growth of this great institution from the days of the Meenakshi College.

As a tribute to the genius of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, who was the Founder of the University, a great Centre of Tamil Language and Culture has earned a place as one of the well-known world universities. It has today all the faculties, in addition to the unique Centre for Advanced Studies in Marine Biology, started when my father was the Vice-Chancellor. The University Library has a rare collection of volumes including palm leaf manuscripts and is one of the biggest in Tamil Nadu.

The great Rajah, who was a family friend of ours, had been lucky in his son and grandchildren. His son, Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, succeeded the Rajah as Pro-Chancellor. During his time, the University grew from strength to strength and the faculty of medicine was added. Today, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy has succeeded his father as Pro-Chancellor and has added more Departments to the University. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is a pious Hindu who has built a temple for Lord Ayyappa in Adyar. He is a versatile administrator and a sportsman of great repute. He has earned unique distinctions in the horse racing world, as also in the field of sports.

It must be remembered that almost all ministers and administrators in Tamil Nadu have had their training and education in Annamalai University. It is not uncommon from the days of Thiru. Annadurai down to the present day to hear ministers and administrators referring to the debt of gratitude they owe to this University.

This is a great achievement of the Chettinad family. They need not ask for more.

Prof. SUNDARAM KRISHNAMURTHI

Founder Chairman

Krishnamurthi International Agricultural Development Foundation

Madras

I have been privileged to be associated with the Annamalai University for nearly four decades. It was in 1949 that Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar brought me down from Ootacamund, where I was Curator of the Government Botanical Gardens, to initiate and found the Department of Agriculture, for catering to the surrounding region–a rice bowl, really. To build the Department through teaching, research and extension schemes, and to make my department colleagues, members of the farms and the farmers to interact with each other for improving agriculture in the area, through innovative methods and programmes, was a remarkable and rewarding experience for me.

Also, as an academic and as a Member of the Syndicate, I have had memorable experiences at the University. During my six years of stay, I had the honour to be closely associated with distinguished Vice-Chancellors, and I have been watching the great traditions of the University kept up and continued right down to the present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

The shedding of the Under-Graduate Courses has now enabled the University to fully devote itself to Post Graduate Studies and advanced research in chosen fields and disciplines, and the University has thus enhanced its status as a prestigious institution of higher learning in the country.

I pray that the University grow from strength to strength, and I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations every success.

Dr. P.N. BHAT

Director
Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar

The University's tremendous development from a seven department 'varsity to its present forty-five department stature is in keeping with its Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar's avowed aims and vision.

The University, with its fully-equipped departments and faculties, comprising the learned and the erudite, is presently catering to a much-needed educational thrust in different areas of Arts, Languages, Science & Technology, Physical Education, etc. in the country. I am sure that the Diamond Jubilee is one more glorious milestone for the University.

My best wishes to the University, its Vice-Chancellor, staff and students on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Prof. V.P. RAORI

Director
School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi

Owing its birth to the far sighted vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, the Annamalai University has a glorious record of achievements in the six decades which it will be completing this year. The committed and untiring efforts of the Founder and the succeeding galaxy of Vice-Chancellors and Pro-Chancellors brought rapid growth and development of the University in all spheres of academic and intellectual activity.

The Diamond Jubilee is a befitting occasion to commemorate the past achievements and also to project future aspirations. I am sure that the University's leadership will help its further growth and sustained contribution to the expanding and dynamic needs of University education both in the continuing and emerging areas of concern.

I send greetings and good wishes on behalf of the School of Planning and Architecture and on my own behalf, on this momentous occasion.

Prof. K.L. CHOPRA
Director
Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur

On the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Annamalai University, it is my pleasure to convey on behalf of the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, our very warm greetings to the faculty, staff and students of your illustrious institution. The University has carved out a niche in the field of higher education in the country. It can rightly pride itself on the contributions of its distinguished alumni to the National life. May the University grow from strength to strength and have an even brighter future.

Prof. Dr. D.K. SINHA
Director
Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad

The Annamalai University has contributed tremendously towards imparting advanced and updated knowledge and training in Arts, Science and Technology. It has also made note-worthy contribution to the upliftment of Tamil Literature, Art and Culture. In a nutshell, Annamalai University is a pioneer promoter of tertiary education.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations a grand success.

Smt. KAMALINI H. BHANSALI

Vice-Chancellor

S.N.D.T. Women's University, Bombay

The Annamalai University has rightly secured the status of a Diamond of a University in the comity of Universities. Outstanding success in the educational field is achieved by the efforts of inspired Vice-Chancellors, committed academy, co-operative administrative wing and is finally made visible to the society year after year through the successive 'Dikshant' ceremonies.

I wish on behalf of the SNDT Women's University and myself all success to the Annamalai University.

Prof. H.K. AVASTHI

Vice-Chancellor

Lucknow University, Lucknow

I am very happy to send my message of greetings and good wishes on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of your great Institution.

You will be glad to know that both Annamalai University and Lucknow University have many things in common. Both were established in the third decade of the century, their basic pattern being residential and multi-faculty. It is exhilarating to find that Annamalai University has gained a unique academic excellence in the last 60 years. A University with seven departments to start with has now 45 departments and this speaks volumes of the dynamism and diversity of your action. You are rightly proud of your glorious traditions, which have contributed to one of your pupils Shri R. Venkataraman, becoming the President of India, while the Vice-President is a distinguished alumnus of Lucknow University.

I pray that the University grow from strength to strength in the years to come.

M.S. VALIATHAN
Director
Shree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology
Trivandrum

The Diamond Jubilee of the Annamalai University is an occasion for rejoicing, not only for the votaries of higher education but also for those who admire the triumph of human spirit which Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar symbolised. The Radhakrishnan Commission had commented that the Annamalai University "approximates more closely to the ideals of the residential type than most other Universities in India". Forty years later, the University continues to claim pre-eminence and an exceptional record of growth which encompasses a wide range of disciplines including such modern areas as medical specialities and computer science. On behalf of the youngest Institute of National Importance in India, I send you my greetings on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. My best wishes for the triumphant march of the Annamalai University towards its centenary.

Prof. (Miss) A.S. DESAI
Director
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay

I send my congratulations and good wishes for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University and also for its many continuing years of service to the cause of education.

Prof. T.R. ANANTHARAMAN

Director
Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, Patiala

It is a pleasure and privilege for me to send this message of greetings and felicitations to the students, staff and officers of Annamalai University on the auspicious occasion of its Diamond Jubilee.

Founded by the legendary and farsighted Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and promoted by his son and grandson with exemplary dedication, the University has grown from strength to strength over the last six decades. Today it is among the biggest and best residential Universities of the country and deservedly enjoys an international reputation.

I feel very happy in wishing the University a splendid march to a glorious Platinum Jubilee at the dawn of the new millenium.

R.B. ALAGANAN

President
The Tamil Nadu Cricket Association, Madras

I consider it a great honour to send a message of greetings on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the dynamic Pro-Chancellor, not only continues the great traditions of his distinguished grandfather and father, but has also established the Annamalai University as one of the finest composite Universities in India.

On behalf of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association, and on my own behalf, as President, I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

L. NARAYANAN CHETTIAR

Managing Director
Visalakshi Mills, Madurai

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad was a great visionary with a mission. His service was remarkable and laudable in many fields of activity — education, music, health and the upliftment of the underprivileged.

The Annamalai University, founded by his philanthropy, and nurtured by the attention of eminent men as Vice-Chancellors, has carved a niche for itself as a premier institution of higher learning.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, following the footsteps of his illustrious father, gave a new dimension to the University, by starting Medicine and Distance Education. And now his son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, with his innate dynamism and drive, is taking all efforts to make this a Centre of greater excellence.

It is my prayer that in the years to come, this University, which has a brilliant record of achievements in the service to the community at large, will continue its glorious traditions, and become a great pathfinding and pace-setting University in the South.

Dr. S. VENKATESWARAN

Acting Director
Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani

On behalf of the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, I convey to the Annamalai University, our heartiest greetings, on the memorable occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. The University has to its credit truly pace-setting and path-breaking achievements and has served the nation with distinction. May it continue doing so with added vigour and vision in the future also.

Dr. N.S. RANDHAWA

Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Secretary, Government of India

The Annamalai University, as an institution of higher education, has done a commendable job in the training and re-training of a large number of Professionals in Arts, Science and Technology and thereby has made a significant contribution to the human resource development in the country. The Faculty of Agriculture of this University has a distinguished record of excellence in teaching as well as post-graduate research.

On this occasion, I would like to convey my best wishes to the University community. Occasions like this provide an opportunity to the community of teachers and students to seek inspiration from the achievements of the past and to re-dedicate themselves for achieving still greater heights of excellence in the coming decades.

I wish a grand success to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the University.

K. PARASARAN

Former Attorney General
New Delhi

The Annamalai University bears eloquent testimony to the munificent philanthropy and vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar. It has built a great reputation. This institution has been nurtured and brought to its present position by the work carried on by Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and now from August 1984, by his son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

I am sure, the University will continue to serve the cause of education by maintaining its past record of meritorious work, by the grace of the Lord of Thillai. May this institution celebrate its centenary, and thereafter, centenary after centenary.

G. RAMASWAMY
Former Additional Solicitor-General
New Delhi

The Annamalai University is doing yeoman service to society, under the able leadership of its Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy. It is but appropriate that the first citizen of this country, and a distinguished Alumnus of the University, the President of India, is to inaugurate the celebrations.

I send my heartiest greetings and good wishes to the University and wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

K.K. VENUGOPAL
Senior Advocate
New Delhi

A period of sixty years is a short span in the life of a University. Very few Universities in India have made the tremendous strides that the Annamalai University has made during the period of sixty years.

The University can be proud of the fact that not only has it expanded vigorously, but it has at the same time maintained high standards of excellence in education, and for this its Founders, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, along with the Vice-Chancellors, the faculty and the staff deserve full credit.

Annamalai University Alumni Association of North America

Dallas Chapter, USA

The Members of Annamalai University Alumni Association of North America are greatly honoured and privileged to extend their warmest greetings and felicitations on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of their Alma Mater.

The Association, formed in 1979, the Golden Jubilee year of the University, has watched with deep admiration and pride the tremendous progress the University has so far made.

Please accept the best wishes of the Members of the Association for the institution's continuous growth as one of the top institutions of higher learning in India.

Dr. S. SATHIKH

Dean of Engineering
Anna University, Madras

We, the alumni in general, and the alumni of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology in particular are proud to have been the students of Annamalai University. Our education and training at the University, in the class rooms and out in the sports fields and hostels, have always stood us in good stead, and thus the alumni occupy very high and key positions, nationally and internationally in various meritorious walks of life.

We entered the University as students seeking information, but left its portals with knowledge and wisdom, with *courage and faith*. We owe a great deal to our beloved Alma Mater, its far-sighted Founders, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, his illustrious son Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, and our beloved Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy. We rededicate ourselves to live upto the motto of our founder "to strive, save and serve", with honesty, sincerity and dedication. We pray the Almighty to shower on our Alma Mater the best of His blessings for its sustained development and greater achievements in the years to come.

VIJAY AMRITRAJ
California

The Annamalai University was nurtured by the meticulous care, supervision and guidance of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad. The magnificent tradition was continued by his eldest son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar, for 36 years as Pro-Chancellor and now Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy guides the University with the same loving care of his father and grandfather and has also brought sports to the forefront, giving it all the importance it deserves so that our athletes can win laurels at all levels of competition.

On this historic occasion, let me offer my heartiest congratulations and very best wishes to the University as we head into the next decade and into the 21st Century.

R. KRISHNAMURTI
Principal (Retd.)
Pachaiyappa's College, Madras

The Annamalai University, founded with great vision by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, and assiduously taken care of by his distinguished son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, and now zealously nurtured by his dynamic son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, has made a name in the country as a first class institution of higher learning and research, practically in every discipline of study. The University through these sixty years, has been ably guided by eminent Vice Chancellors, and is now poised for a great leap forward, by virtue of the long tradition of brilliant scholars teaching there.

I congratulate all those who have been responsible for the phenomenal growth of the University, and wish it greater moments of fulfilment and glory in the years to come.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

Justice K. VEERASWAMI

Former Chief Justice of Tamil Nadu
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court

Conceived and established by the far-sighted Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Annamalai University stands out unique in its service to the cause of Tamil in particular, and other disciplines in general.

The University reached further heights of glory, during the period of his illustrious son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar.

Later, the University, with his worthy son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, as its dynamic Pro-Chancellor, has developed phenomenally, particularly, with reference to research in Tamil Literature and Culture, and also in Science and Technology.

As a proud admirer of its achievements over the decades, I send my warm greetings and best wishes on this memorable occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

S. KANNAPPAN

Founder Secretary, Houston Meenakshi Temple
Annamalai University Alumni Association of America
Washington D.C.

On the joyous occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University, all former and present students, and staff are proud of their association with this great University. The alumni in North America send their best wishes for the success of the celebrations. The Alumni living in North America will be very happy to associate themselves with the activities of the University. The alumni also wish the present and future students every success in their endeavours and professional careers.

திருக்கயிலாய பரம்பரைத் தருமை ஆதீனம்

ஸ்ரீலஸ்ரீ சண்முக தேசிக ஞானசம்பந்த பரமாசாரிய சுவாமிகள்

தருமபுரம்

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் தமிழகத்தில் சிறந்த கல்வியாளர் களை உருவாக்கி வரும் பெருமைக்குரியது. சிறந்த பேராசிரியர்களைத் தேர்ந்து பணி செய்யும் வாய்ப்பு வழங்கி இப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தைச் சிறப்புற வளர்க்கும் செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர் குடும்பத்தினரைப் பாராட்டுகிறோம். கலை, மொழி, பொறியியல், மருத்துவம் ஆகிய பிரிவுகளோடு ஆய்வுத் துறை களையும் நடத்தி, தமிழகத்தில் கல்வி வளர்ச்சிக்கு ஆக்கம் தேடும் இப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வைரவிழாக் கொண்டாடுவதறிந்து மகிழ்கிறோம்.

வைரவிழா சிறப்புற நிகழவும், பல்கலைக்கழகம் மேலும் பல துறை களோடு வளர்ந்து மக்கட்குச் சிறந்த பயன் நல்கவும் செந்தமிழ்ச் சொக்கன் திருவருளைச் சிந்திக்கின்றோம்.

டாக்டர் சி. பாலசுப்பிரமணியன்

துணைவேந்தர்

தமிழ்ப்பல்கலைக்கழகம், தஞ்சாவூர்

வள்ளல் அண்ணாமலை அரசர் அவர்கள் தோற்றுவித்த அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் இன்று வைர விழாவினைக் காண்கின்றது. முத்தமிழ்க்கும் வாய்ப்பளித்து, முத்தமிழ் முறையாக வளரத் தொடங்கிய நாள் தொட்டு, பெருமை மிகுந்த பேராசிரியப் பெருமக்களால் வளர்க்கப் பெற்று வரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வழிவழியாகச் சிறந்த துணைவேந்தர் பெருமக்களைக் கொண்டு வளர்பிறையென வளர்ந்து வருகின்றது. அரசரை அடுத்து அவர்தம் அருமை மைந்தர் அரசர் முத்தையவேளும், அவருக்குப் பின்னர் இன்று அவர்தம் பெருமைமிகு மைந்தர் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களும் கட்டிக்காத்து வளர்த்து வரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் பவள விழா, நூற்றாண்டு விழா முதலான பல விழாக்களைக் காண்பதாகுக. இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் நாட்டிற்கு நல்கிய அரசியல் வித்தகர்களும், பேராசிரியப் பெருமக்களும், தமிழ் அறிஞர்களும், புகழ் வாய்ந்த கலைஞர்களும் பலராவர். இச்சிறப்புடன் இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் தமிழர் நலம் வளர்க்கும் பல்கலைக்கழகமாய் என்றும் நின்று நிலவுவதாகுக.

Dr. P. VALLALPERUMAN

Member of Parliament,

Chidambaram

The Annamalai University, located in a rural atmosphere, is doing yeoman service to the people of Tamil Nadu in particular and India in general.

The Directorate of Distance Education has so extended its activities as to cater to students in foreign countries also. It is fitting that a distinguished Alumnus of this University, His Excellency Rastrapathi Shri R. Venkataraman is inaugurating the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and the function is to be presided over by another distinguished Alumnus, His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, Governor of Tamil Nadu.

I wish the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations all success.

T.T. VASU

Madras

The value of a precious inheritance is not always realised, safeguarded and improved upon by the succeeding generations. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, an outstanding builder of a business empire and educational and cultural institutions, has been lucky that three generations of his family have taken Annamalai University from one peak of glory to another. May the lamp lit by him light the path of generations of students of Tamil Nadu.

T.S. SANTHANAM

Madras

The vision of the founder and benefactor of the University, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, has come true during the sixty years of phenomenal progress that the institution has achieved. The institution has been nurtured with devotion by Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar. The mission is carried on with enthusiasm and dedication by his son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

The University has already achieved recognition and fame in India and abroad and is poised to become one of the foremost educational institutions of India, providing the best opportunities for academic and human excellence. I wish the University a glorious future.

V.E. SUBRAMANIAN

Houston, Texas

USA

I had the privilege of studying at this great institution of higher learning in 1965. Receiving an education of such quality from Annamalai University, has been a great asset to me throughout my career. It pleases me a great deal to know that our fine University is to receive recognition from some of India's best political leaders. Although I will be unable to attend the festive celebrations in person, on behalf of myself and fellow Annamalai University Alumni here in Houston, Texas, I extend our heartfelt best wishes to the Faculty, Alumni, and Administration of the Annamalai University on the eve of its Diamond Jubilee.

P. VALLIAPPAN

Secretary

Annamalai Alumni Association, Canada

As proud Members of the Annamalai Alumni Association, Canadian Chapter, we send our warmest greetings and best wishes to our Alma Mater, for all success of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad

Founder Pro-Chancellor
(1929-1948)

A Brief Biographical Sketch

The Annamalai University, named after its illustrious Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, has amply demonstrated, during these sixty years of its glorious existence, that it is a gift from him to Tamil Nadu, nay to India. On the eve of its Diamond Jubilee in December 1989, it is but appropriate to recall the life and services of this great and remarkable man, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Merchant Prince, Statesman, Philanthropist, Educationist, Patron of Arts, Legislator, Pioneer in Banking Business, Humanitarian, and Founder Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University.

Mr. Annamalai Chettiar was born into a religious and pious family, as the fourth and last son of S.RM.M. Muthiah Chettiar, at Kanadukathan in Chettinad, on the 30th of September, 1881. Right early, he derived from his father, a close business acumen, a love of Tamil Letters and a deep devotion to Lord Nataraja, the Presiding Deity of Chidambaram. Though apprenticed to learn and acquaint himself with his family business of banking, he avidly acquired a lot of knowledge by himself. He developed a keen interest in sacred Tamil poetry, and at the same time, learnt the English Language, written and spoken, with equal devotion and love. In the adventurous process of self education, throughout his life, he was always receptive to great ideas and experiences, and thus had a special respect, bordering on veneration for scholars and teachers and men of outstanding ability.

Losing his father when he was barely nineteen, Mr. Annamalai Chettiar had to manage his own property and business, even at that young age. As one already trained in these matters, he devoted himself to his new and challenging tasks, with mature judgement and awareness. His vast business interests extended upto Ceylon, Burma, and South East Asia, with a sprawling network of Banks and Branch Offices. Within a decade, he made a princely fortune and came to be known as the leading business magnate of South India. In his actions, he was always thorough, precise, persevering, and punctual. His judgement was unerring, and as a result he hand-picked his employees and associates, and secured their devotion and loyalty by tact and trust. An extensive Continental Tour in 1910 widened his horizon and enlarged his *Weltanchauung*.

On his return home, he found his native town Karaikudi, the nerve-centre of Chettinad, needed a lot of improvement. Becoming the Chairman of the Karaikudi

Union, he set about his tasks earnestly and was instrumental in improving the general condition of that town. He was a member of several local organisations and of the District Board which operated from Madurai, and thus provided himself with many opportunities early in life to serve the people of his native district.

By the time he was thirty, Mr. Annamalai Chettiar had already 'striven' and 'saved', after his family motto, "Strive, Save and Serve" and it was time for him to "serve" the society at large, in more responsible positions.

Mr. Annamalai Chettiar was first elected to the Madras Legislative Council in 1916 and was returned to the Council of State in 1921, where he sat for fifteen consecutive years. Later, he was elected to the Central Legislative Assembly. As a public-spirited Member, he served well his country and the constituency alike. This was also the time when he established himself as a leading figure in the world of finance, by first becoming a founding member of the Indian Bank, and later the Governor of the Imperial Bank of India.

His innate charitable disposition induced him to donate liberally to many worthy and noble causes. He built and endowed the Women and Children's Hospital at his native place, Kanadukathan. He donated generously to many educational institutions. A handsome gift of two lakhs from him saw the purchase of a building in Madras, to house the Ladies Club which became a popular centre for social activities. Social reconstruction constantly engaged his mind and attention, as he was convinced that education was the most important and enlightened influence in causing social change and progress and in dispelling the social ills of the country.

Mr. Annamalai Chettiar was always looked up to for generous and charitable causes. His traditional hospitality and his many-sided humanitarian services won him spontaneous recognitions everywhere. The granting of the accolade to him by the British Government in 1923, after his founding the Sri Meenakshi College in Chidambaram, was one of the many signal honours done to him. In recognition of his distinguished services, the British Government also conferred on Sir Annamalai Chettiar the hereditary title of the Rajah of Chettinad in 1929.

To a religiously oriented person like Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Chidambaram, the Seat of the Cosmic Dancer, had an irresistible charm and attraction. Religious associations apart, Chidambaram through the ages, was a place where reputed scholars from far and near had assembled and striven in the quest of Truth. It lured Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar to establish, in 1920, the Sri Meenakshi College, named after his dear mother. Thanks to his far-sighted vision and philanthropy, what was originally the Sri Meenakshi College, flowered into the Annamalai University in 1929, as a unitary and residential seat of higher learning, on the East of Chidambaram. Apart from donating the buildings, class-rooms, hostels, play-grounds, and the library of the Sri Meenakshi College, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar bequeathed an astronomical sum of twenty lakhs of rupees in 1929 and three hundred acres of land to the University, to start with. The reclamation of the vast tract of uneven land was a daunting and heart-breaking endeavour, but it engaged his

painstaking personal attention and involved almost daily over-seeing for quite a period. As Pro-Chancellor for nineteen years, he bestowed all his loving care and attention to the growth and development of the University. Many buildings for Class Rooms, Departments of Studies, Administration, Residential Quarters, Guest House. etc., came up under his meticulous supervision and guidance. He succeeded in securing the services of able and eminent men as Vice-Chancellors, and with equal care and judgement, he chose men of tried erudition for teaching at the University.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was keen to develop the University as a seat of Tamil Language and Culture, and equally so, as a Centre of Tamil Music in both of which, a phenomenal mark was made during his period. Sir Annamalai Chettiar deemed it his pious duty to preserve and resuscitate Tamil Culture and Tamil Learning. He not only became an ardent patron of Tamil Music, but also stood at the vanguard of the Tamil Isai Movement. He collected musicians of repute and made them bring out the hidden treasures of Tamil Music, encouraged research, and arranged for the publication of Tamil Musical Compositions. With equal devotion, he fostered studies in Science and Technology. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology was started in 1945, as the second Engineering College in the State.

The Annamalai University, at the time of its inception had only seven Departments of Studies, but now has forty five Departments under the Faculties of Arts, Science, Indian Languages, Engineering and Technology, Education, Fine Arts, Agriculture, and Medicine and Dentistry in a campus of about 760 acres. Befitting the wisdom and vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the Annamalai University was firmly established as a premier institution in the country known for its academic excellence and quality.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was exceptionally fortunate in his domestic life. He was happily married to Lady Seethai Achi who was also known for her piety and charitableness. They left behind three sons and four daughters. The eldest was Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, on whose shoulders the mantle of the Pro-Chancellorship fell, when his father died on the 15th of June 1948, after illness patiently borne.

"My heart and soul are in Annamalai Nagar" declared Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar once. Guided by this great soul, the University proudly marches on after its motto, "With Courage and Faith", ever seeking "fresh woods and pastures new" and with the eager intent of fulfilling its loftier destinies in conquering the unknown frontiers of the intellect, through enrichment in knowledge and devoutly serving the cause of education.

Tributes to
Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad

Some of the tributes paid to the Founder of the Annamalai University on the occasion of his *Shastiabdapurti* celebrations are herein reproduced from the *Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar Commemoration Volume.* Besides, a few of the verses in Tamil composed on important occasions, by eminent poets and scholars, are included.

MAHATMA GANDHI

I would wish the Rajah Saheb many a long year of useful service.

THE RT. HON'BLE V.S. SRINIVASA SASTRI

P.C., C.H., LL.D., M.L.C.

I am happy to be allowed to congratulate the Rajah Saheb of Chettinad on his sixty-first birthday and to wish him many more years of prosperity and honour. Like hundreds of other people I have received favours and kindnesses from him without number. These I have acknowledged elsewhere; it is not possible to acknowledge them adequately. More than these is the affection and personal attachment that prompt them. What I have done or can ever do to deserve it all has puzzled me for a long time. It was in the old Council hall at Delhi that we met first. The friendship that began then has continued without a break; the years have strengthened and deepened it. We have had few trials and tasks in common, we have not been engaged together in literary or business pursuits, we have not journeyed together in India and abroad or studied men and measures out of the same books. What has drawn and held us each to the other? I cannot flatter myself that I am capable of doing him any service, material or other. The flow of benefits between us, copious and uninterrupted, has ever been in one direction, and one direction only. In the nature of things it cannot be otherwise. Am I wrong then in regarding the bond between us as an example of that 'subtle inner force' which the Sanskrit poet postulates as the essence of love?

Annamalai University comes late in the story. I was sixty-six when the Rajah entrusted it to my care. For five years he gave me his confidence and support in the fullest measure. Twice during the strike of students the institution was in serious peril, and as a change of policy seemed to me scarcely proper, I implored him to

relieve me and try another management. His practical wisdom was truer than mine. He left me to weather the storm as I might; and though I have no reason to boast, the result vindicated his patience and his trust in me. I do not wish to live a day after I have ceased to be thankful for such a blessing.

Of the Rajah's many-sided career, I have no detailed knowledge. I shall not presume to portray his character on canvas the qualities that have enabled him to conquer difficulties and achieve success. Two points, however, which may seem small to the superficial observer, I venture to pick out for special mention. A teacher of youth cannot do less in holding up to their admiration and imitation the life of a patron of youth. Though he can employ agents and secretaries and relieve himself of anxiety and hard work, the Rajah rises early and goes to bed late and fills the intervening hours with serious business, carefully alloted and planned. To idle pastimes and strenuous games on the field, he is a complete stranger. Still he seldom misses an engagement or neglects a social duty, and I have always envied the equability of temper which enables him to greet all persons, high or low, friendly or unfriendly, with the same engaging smile.

MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU

In adding my felicitations to Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar on his 61st birthday, I am happy to have this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of his many and far-reaching benefactions.

To the long family record, almost a hundred years old, of pious charities in their chosen city of Chidambaram, Sir Annamalai Chettiar has added a rich chapter by his personal and princely gifts to all fine causes-to promote and foster ancient and modern learning, to encourage literature, music, art and sport, to further movements for social service and social progress, to establish interprovincial and international friendship. The Annamalai University is in itself an enduring tribute to his splendid generosity.

Not often in our generation has great individual wealth like his been devoted to public welfare and progress with a philanthropy so discriminating in its quality and so catholic in its range.

MR. S. SATYAMURTI, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.

I have had the pleasure and the privilege of knowing him intimately for many years now. The highest tribute I can pay to him is that he is every inch a gentleman. I have not met a more polished, courteous, or thoughtful gentleman. To have renovated the renowned temple of Sri Nataraja is by itself an imperishable monument to the Rajah's distinguished family.

The Rajah Saheb has done a still greater service to the country by founding the Annamalai University. From inside knowledge, I know his paternal care and solicitude for the welfare and the progress of the institution.

His recent contribution towards the development of Tamil Music may, I hope, mark a turning point in the history of Tamil Culture. People earn a good deal, but give very little. But the Rajah Saheb has given over a crore of rupees for charities. May God Sri Nataraja bless him! May he and his family live long, prosperous, and happy lives and serve the cause of the country!

Dr. C.R. REDDI, M.A. (Cantab.) D.Litt., M.L.C.

Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar might be justly regarded as a national asset. No merchant or industrialist of South India has spent such large amounts on public benefactions. His greatest achievement is the University which very rightly bears his name. It is the best that has ever been done by an individual in India and is notable furthermore as an example to other millionaires.

It is not merely by these outward achievements that the Rajah Saheb has made himself famous and endeared, but by his personality. I had the pleasure and privilege of being his guest more than once. No host could have shown more personal attention to the comforts of a guest than the Rajah Saheb whose custom, in accordance with the best traditions of India, has always been to attend personally, though he could easily have appointed deputies.

Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar ranks among the worthiest in the country. Most successful as a maker of money, he has been still more noteworthy as a spender thereof on right good causes and progressive projects.

If the service of the country, if the advancement of its material and moral prosperity are amongst the objectives of a University, then the Annamalai University cannot have a better example before it or a nobler inspirer than its own illustrious Founder.

THE REV. JOHN K. MILLER, M.A., D.D.
White Lodge, Coonoor, The Nilgiris, S. India

It is with real pleasure that I add my tribute and hearty congratulations to Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, whose friendship I have enjoyed for more than thirty years, on having completed sixty years of life so satisfactorily for himself and others.

To few has it been given and made possible to do so much for others as he has done and I hope he may live for many more years to do even greater service for humanity.

In 1910 it was my privilege to help in preparing him and his nephew the late Sir M.C.T. Muthiah Chettiar, for a visit to Europe and to the Coronation of our late good King George the Fifth and to accompany them on the voyage and trip through Europe.

This visit I am sure did much in awaking these gentlemen to a realisation of India's needs, to their own ability to help meet them and our Madras Presidency has benefited greatly from their gifts and public service.

DR. C.D. DESHMUKH, B.A., (Cantab.) D.Litt.
Chairman, University Grants Commission.

The establishment of this seat of learning was the fruit of that combination in the illustrious Founder, rare in the world, namely, of a vision straining towards the attainment of all that is best in human culture and a hard-headed awareness of what science and technology are capable of achieving for the betterment of the lot of mankind.

His Highness Sir JAYA CHAMARAJA WADIYAR BAHADUR
G.C.B., G.C.S.I. LL.D.
Maharajah of Mysore.

Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was a merchant prince justly famous for his piety and devotion to learning. His intellectual powers, his broad outlook, his originality, his mature judgment and above all his largeness of heart marked him out very early as a great son of India.

Education was the Rajah's noblest passion and he made it the mission of his later life. This noble University is at once the fitting tribute and monument to his nobility, his patriotism, his clarity of vision and his generosity. In the progress of University education in India the Rajah of Chettinad has set an example and pointed the way for the benefit of his countrymen.

Dr. Sir A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR,
B.A., M.D., F.R.C.O.G., F.C.A., D.Sc., LL.D., M.L.C.
Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras.

I have had the privilege of being associated with its great founder and philanthropist in the work of this University in the early years of its establishment. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the Rajah of Chettinad, whose name the University bears, was the first philanthropist in India to have founded a University. The interest that he evinced, the devotion and zeal with which he nurtured the infant institution in the earlier period of its existence and the loving care with which he looked after its development and progress in many fields of activity will be obvious to any visitor when he goes round the campus and sees the progress made in all branches of learning.

டாக்டர் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவர்களை வாழ்த்திப் புலவர் பெருமக்கள் இயற்றிய பாடல்களிற் சில

மகாமகோபாத்தியாய பண்டிதமணி
மு. கதிரேசச் செட்டியார்

1. மகிமைபெறு சலஞ்சலமீன் மணிபலவுட்
டலைமைபெறு மணிமுத் தென்னப்
புகலவுயர் குணநிறைந்த **முத்தையனாம்**
இளங்கோவைப் புதல்வ னாக்கொள்
தகவுடையான் றன்மதியாற் செயற்கரிய
பலசெய்வான் சாருங் கீர்த்தி
மிகவுடையான் அஞ்சாத விறலுடை**அண்**
ணாமலையாம் மேதக் கோனே.

2. திருவுக் கொருவன் கொடைக்கொருவன்
தீர நினைந்து துணிந்துபுரி
செயலுக் கொருவன் வாழ்க்கைநலச்
சிறப்புக் கொருவன் புகழ்க்கொருவன்
உருவுக் கொருவன் ஒப்புரவின்
ஓங்கும் அறத்திற் கொருவனென
உரைப்பர் உலகர் இவ்வனைத்தும்
ஒருங்கு காண்டற் குவமையிலாத்
தருவுக் குரிய பெருவண்மை
சான்ற **அண்ணா மலைஅரசே**
தக்கோ னெனநல் லறிஞரெலாம்
சாற்றும் பெருமை தகப்படைத்தோன்
கருவிற் பொலியுந் திருவுடையான்
கவின்சேர் நாண்மங் கலஞ்சிறப்பக்
காணும் பெரியீர் நலம்வளரக்
கருதி யவனை வாழ்த்துவமே.

Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad and
Rani Lady Seethai Achi

கவிமணி தேசிக விநாயகம் பிள்ளை

1. ஐயம் அகல உண்மைகளை
   ஆய்ந்து காணும் அறிவுடையோன்
   செய்யும் வினைகள் ஒவ்வொன்றும்
   திருந்தச் செய்யும் திறம்பெற்றோன்
   கையிற் கொண்ட கருங்கல்லும்
   கனகம் சொரியச் செய்திடுவான்
   வையம் புகழும் தனவணிகர்
   மணியாம் **அண்ணா மலைமன்னே.**

2. தில்லைப் பதியிற் பல்கலையும்
   செழித்து வளர இடங்கண்டோன்
   இல்லை யென்னா தெவ்வெவர்க்கும்
   ஈந்து மகிழும் இயல்புடையோன்
   சொல்லை மறவாப் புகழ்வேந்தன்
   சுற்றம் தழுவும் திருவாளன்
   நல்லன் **அண்ணா மலைமன்னன்**
   நாட்டுக் கணியாய் வாழியவே.

யோகி சுத்தானந்த பாரதியார்

1. **யோகத்தில் கடவுள் கண்டார்** ஒருமையில் உள்ளம் வைத்தார்
   தேகத்தை மறந்து நாடு திருந்திடத் தொண்டு செய்தார்
   மேகத்தைப் போலக் கல்வி விளங்கிடப் பொருளை யீந்தார்
   வேகத்தில் ஓடுங் கால வெள்ளத்தை வென்றார் தாமே.

2. எல்லையில் செல்வங் கண்டார் ஈகையிற் பெருமை கண்டார்
   பல்கலைக் கழகங் கண்டார் பாரெலாம் புகழக் கண்டார்
   தில்லைநா யகனும் அன்னோர் செய்தமிழ்ப் பணியைக் கண்டு
   மல்கிய உவகை பொங்க மாநடம் புரிகின் றானே.

பேராசிரியர் திரு. ச. சோமசுந்தர பாரதியார், எம்.ஏ., பி.எல்.

திறம்படர் செல்வ மோங்கத் தீதெலாம் நீங்க மண்ணில்
வறங்கெட மாந்தர் வாழ்வு வளம்பெற வழங்கும் வாய்மை
நிறம்பட ரறிவார் கல்வி நிறைப்பதே நியம மென்று
புறம்படர் புகழான் பேரார் புலம்வளர் கழகம் தந்தான்.

சேது சமஸ்தான மகாவித்துவான் பாஷாகவி சேகரர்
ரா. இராகவையங்கார்

1. கோடி பலபொன் குவிப்பா ருலகுய்தல்
நாடி யளிப்பாரை நாங்காணேந் — தேடுநிதி
கற்றார் மதிக்கக் கலைக்கருளு நின்போல்வார்
மற்றார்சொல் **அண்ணா மலை.**

2. நலம்வ ளர்ந்தது பல்க லைத்துறை நயம்வ ளர்ந்தது நற்றமிழ்
நிலம்வ ளர்ந்தது தில்லை யென்றுயர் தலம்வ ளர்ந்தது நெடிதுதன்
குலம்வ ளர்ந்தது மகப திப்பெயர் குணம்வ ளர்ந்தது பலர்கணும்
புலம்வ ளர்ந்த**தண் ணாம லைப்புயல்** புகழ்வ ளர்ந்தது பொழியவே.

நாவலர் பண்டித ந.மு. வேங்கடசாமி நாட்டார்

பண்ணரிய நுண்ணறிவும் பழுதிலா வினைத்தேர்வும்
முன்னியவை முடித்திடலும் மூதுலகி லெவரெவர்க்கும்
நன்னயஞ்செய் கடப்பாடும் நன்மனமும் இன்னுரையும்
துன்னியொரு வடிவாகும் தோன்றல் **அண்ணா மலைவேளே.**

பன்மொழிப் புலவர் திரு. தெ. பொ. மீனாட்சிசுந்தரனார்
எம்.ஏ., பி.எல்., எம்.ஓ.எல்.,

காவசைத்த கொடைக்கலைஞன் கருணை**அண்ணா**
மலையரசன் கருத்தாய்க் கண்ணாய்
நாவசைத்தும் தலையசைத்தும் கையசைத்தும்
தான்வளர்க்கும் நானிலத்தில்
பாவசைத்த மனமலரக் கலைக்கழகத்
தமிழ்ச்சுடரைப் படைத்திட் டானால்
பூவசைத்த சொன்மாலைப் புகழிசைத்த
சிறப்புடையான் பொலிந்து வாழி.

டாக்டர் திரு. அ. சிதம்பரநாதச் செட்டியார், எம்.ஏ., பிஎச்.டி.

செயலாற் சொல்லாற் செப்பரிய மனத்தால்
இயலிசை ஓம்பிய இன்றமிழ் வள்ளல்
உயலாம் வழிகள் உயர்தமிழ்க்குக் கண்டார்
அயலும் விரும்பும் **அண்ணா மலைமன்னர்.**

பேராசிரியர் லெ.ப.கரு. இராமநாதன் செட்டியார்

அறிவாற்றல் ஆய்ந்துசெயும் வினைத்திட்பம்
எண்ணியதொன் றரிய தேனும்
நெறிபிறழா ததுபெறுதல் நேரலரும்
பாராட்டும் நிறைமற் றெல்லாம்
பெறும்உலகப் பெரியாருள் ஒருவனென
நிலைநின்ற பெருமை வாய்ந்தோன்
செறிவுடைய பெருந்திறலோன் எங்கள் **அண்ணா
மலையரசன்** சிறந்து வாழ்க.

டாக்டர் வ. சுப. மாணிக்கம்

அண்ணாமலையரசர் வாழ்த்து

நில்லாத செல்வத்தை நிலைக்கச் செய்தான்;
நீங்காத கலைப்புரட்சி நிரம்பச் செய்தான்;
கல்லாத இனமெல்லாம் கற்க வைத்தான்;
காணாத பெருங்கழகம் களத்து வைத்தான்;
இல்லாத புலவர்களை இருப்போர் ஆக்கி
இணையாத தமிழ்ப்புகழை ஈட்டிக்கொண்டான்
வெல்லாத செயலில்லை என்று போற்ற
விளங்கியவன் மன்**அண்ணா மலையன்** வாழ்க!

புரட்சிக் கவிஞர் திரு. பாரதிதாசன்

அகவற்பா

தண்ணுறுந் தாயகம் ஒண்மை யெய்த
அண்ணா மலைநகர் ஆக்கி **அண்ணாமலைப்**
பல்கலைக் கழகம் பண்ணி எண்ணிலா
நல்லா சிரியரை நயந்து பல்வகைத்
துறைதொறும் வகுப்பு நிறைவுற மாணவர்க்
கறிவுபெற வருகென அன்பழைப் பனுப்பிக்
கழகம் தனது காலெடுத் தூன்றி
நடக்கத் துவங்கிற் றென்ற நன்னிலை
அடைவித் தான்எழில் **அண்ணா மலையரசு**
அந்நிலை அந்நாள் பல்கலைக் கழகம்
அடைந்த தென்றால் அதற்குக் காரணம்
கனிந்த உள்ளத்துக் காவலன் கைப்பொருள்
இழப்பு மட்டுமா அண்ணலின் இடையறா
உழைப்பும் காரணம் தழைதமிழ் நாட்டில்
உடைமை உடலுழைப் பிரண்டும் உதவிய
கொடையிற் பெரிய கோமான் ஒருவனைக்
காட்டெனிற் செட்டி நாட்டானைக் காட்டுவோம்
காய்ப்புநா ளின்முன் காய்த்துப் பழுத்தமாந்
தோப்புப் போன்ற தூய்கழ கத்தாய்
அதற்குள் எத்தனை ஆயிரம் அறிஞரை
எத்தனை ஆயிரம் முத்தமிழ்ப் புலவரை
ஈன்று புறந்தந்தாள் ஈடெடுப் பில்லா
எழுத்தா ளர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்களைப்
பேச்சா ளர்கள் எத்தனை பேர்களை

அளித்தாள் பொருளின் பெற்றி ஆயுநர்
தமிழிசை வல்லுநர் அமிழ்தப் பாவலர்
இந்தா இந்தா என்று தந்தாள்
ஒருநூற் றாண்டில் தரத்தகு பயனைக்
கால்நூற் றாண்டில் தந்தது கழகம்

கன்றை ஆனெனக் கழகத்தை யோம்பும்
அறிஞன் **முத்தையனை** அண்ணலின் புதல்வனைப்
பெற்றதும் அன்றோ உற்ற காரணம்
வயலும் ஏரும் மழையும் எருவும்
இருந்தும் என்ன செய்வேன் என்னுமோர்

ஏழைக்கு விதைநெல் ஈந்தான் போல
அரசன்அண் **ணாமலை** திருநாட் டுக்குப்
பண்டைப் பெருமையும் பதியும் நிதியும்
இருந்தும் வருந்தும் நிலைமை எண்ணி
அறிவின் ஊற்றுத் திறந்தான் அப்பெரு

நிறுவனம் வெல்க நீடுவா ழியவே
அண்ணா **மலை**புகழ் விண்ணென விரிக
அன்னோன் மக்களும் சுற்றமும் மற்றும்
கழகம் காக்கும் கணக்கா யர்களும்
வழுவிலா தென்றும் மாணவர் தாமும்

வாழிய பழந்தமிழ் நாடு
வாழிய வாழிய வண்தமிழ் நன்றே.

கட்டளைக் கலித்துறை

தேனூற்றும் பூவில் தமிழூற்றும் வண்டு திகழ்பொதும்பர்
வானூற்று நண்ணுதில் லைக்கண் **அண்ணாமலை மன்னளித்த**
ஆனூற்று பாலின் அறிவூற் றிடும்பல் கலைக்கழகம்
கால்நூற்றாண் டுங்கண்டு பல்லூழி யுங்காண வாழியவே.

Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad

Founder Pro-Chancellor

(1948-1984)

A Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, who succeeded his father, as Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University in 1948, was born on the 5th of August 1905. He had his school and college education in Madras, and like his father, was soon drawn into the extensive family business of banking in Malaya, Singapore, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia, in addition to the family's trading and mercantile enterprise in India. He was lucky that his formal education was profoundly influenced by unforgettably distinguished scholar - teachers—both English and Indian, who had left a great impact on him. His was a richly value-endowed education, and he was extraordinarily fortunate in having come into contact with great minds and memorable public figures, even before he passed out from college with a Degree.

Thus, Mr. Muthiah Chettiar's educational training stood him in good stead when he was called upon to shoulder onerous business responsibilities. He was sent to Burma, to take care of many business interests there, and his mettle was challenged and tested. After gaining a good measure of professional experience and expertise in Burma, he returned to India.

Even as a very young person, Mr. Muthiah Chettiar began to occupy many coveted positions of honour, as a Member of the Madras Legislative Council, the Madras Provincial Banking Enquiry Commission, the Madras Provincial Franchise Enquiry Committee and the Corporation of Madras. In 1931, he was elected the President of the Corporation of Madras, and in 1933 he became the first Mayor of Madras. His association with the Madras Corporation gave him splendid opportunities for public service, and characteristically moulded his later life.

Kumara Rajah Muthiah Chettiar identified himself with the Justice Party, and was the Chief Whip and Chairman of the Legislative Assembly. In 1936, he became the Minister incharge of Education, Public Health and Excise and for a year he was also the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Madras. His judicial temper and broad mindedness, his keen love for both Tamil and English which he spoke enviably well, and his social commitment, endeared himself to one and all, and was popular wherever he went. In 1941, he became the President of the South Indian Chamber of Commerce with which he was connected for fifty years and more. In 1941, he had the unique distinction of being elected to

the Presidentship of the Federation of the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He was also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Indian Bank Limited. His was indeed a covetedly many faceted life which gave him innumerable occasions to know men and affairs better. His association with the Board of Management of the Pachaiyappa's Charities began in 1929 and gave him closer insights into educational administration and finance and prepared him for a Membership of the Syndicate of the University of Madras during 1944-46. He was also a member of the Board of Management of the Indian Institute of Technology for a period of five years. His association with these bodies vastly enriched his knowledge and experience. As a Patron of the Gandhinagar Educational Society, he was closely connected with a number of schools in the Madras city. Ample funds were provided by him for these schools from the charities under his managements.

In 1939, Kumara Rajah Muthiah Chettiar became the leader of the Opposition, when the Congress Ministry, under Rajaji, was formed. Later, when the Ministry resigned, he was placed in charge of Local Administration and Hindu Religious Endowments. He made a memorable contribution to the cause of Hindu Religious Endowments. The Temple Entry Bill which came up for discussion, also revealed him at his best. The part he played during the discussion on this question, won for him the praise of no less a person than Rajaji himself. Whether he was in the Ministry or outside it, he gave himself many opportunities for unstinting public service. His rich political and public experiences gave him an admirable equanimity in his views of men and matters. He came into close contact with all the celebrated intellectuals of the day, and enjoyed the reputation of being a seasoned Parliamentarian whose speeches were marked by a dispassionate approach and a large hearted sagacity, and freedom from personal and political bias or rancour. As a Minister, the welfare of the people always engaged his attention.

The British Government conferred on him a Knighthood in 1941 for meritorious services done. This was the time of the Second World War, and Sir Muthiah Chettiar was appointed Member of the National Defence Council by the Viceroy. In 1946, he was elected to the Constituent Assembly, New Delhi, and had the unique privillege of contributing to the framing of a Constitution for Independent India.

On the death of his illustrious father in 1948, Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar became the Pro-Chancellor. His richly endowed life enabled him to assiduously follow the footsteps of his father, in the administration of the University, and in bringing name and fame to it. Earlier, when his father endeavoured to make the Sri Meenakshi College the nucleous of a University, Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar enthusiastically threw himself into the work of helping his father in getting the necessary legislation passed by the Madras Legislature. When the Bill was passed in 1929, it was hailed as a notable contribution to the development of higher education in the State. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar's interest in the University was thus one continuous involvement from 1929, that is, from the very inception of the University.

The University expanded in many directions after his assumption of office as

Pro-Chancellor. The Faculties of Education, Fine Arts, Agriculture and Law came into being. The Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry was established and so also, the Directorate of Distance Education. Earlier, the Centres of Advanced Study in Marine Biology and Linguistics were instituted, with U.G.C support. The Engineering and Technology Department assumed Post Graduate status, and the experiments in the use of Solar Energy won national recognition. A number of new buildings in direct fulfilment of the much felt needs of the University were constructed. The Library in particular which attracts a large number of students and staff to it each day, engaged the very personal attention of the Pro-Chancellor when it was constructed.

Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, like his father, was also an ardent lover of Tamil and Tamil Music. He was second to none in giving pride of place to the Tamil language and in encouraging the singing of *Tamil Isai*. Significantly therefore, the title, *Tamizh Isaikkavalar* (Guardian of Tamil Music) was conferred on him. The Government of India, recognising his many services done, bestowed on him the prized title of *Padmabushan,* in 1973.

Connected with education throughout his life, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar greatly respected the teaching profession. He always felt elated to be in the company of teachers for whose scholarship he greatly cared. He was an excellent host, and a visit to his palatial residence in Madras was always a pleasant memory to cherish.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar had two sons, Kumara Rajah M.A. Muthiah Chettiar and Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, each well known to the public of Tamil Nadu, by their distinguished attainments. Kumara Rajah Muthiah Chettiar was snatched away by the cruel hand of death at the early age of forty.

The many-splendoured life of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar has become part of contemporary South Indian History. In fitting tribute to the second founding father of the University stands the imposing architectural construction of the "Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences", beckoning everyone to the cherished memory of this great man who had an ever abiding humanitarian interest in the welfare of the people. His Pro-Chancellorship, for a span of thirty six years, saw the significant growth and development of the University in all spheres of intellectual and academic activity. On his death, his second son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the distinguished scion of the Chettinad family, succeeded to this high office, and is nurturing the University in the great traditions of his father and grand-father.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, Kt.,B.A., D.Litt.,
and Rani Lady Meyyammai Achi

Tributes to
Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad

Some of the tributes paid to the Second Founder Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University on the occasion of his 81st Birthday celebrations, held posthumously on 5th August, '85 are herein reproduced.

His Excellency R. VENKATARAMAN

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar was a multi-faceted personality and had a multi-splendoured career. Dr. Muthiah Chettiar stepped into the shoes of his illustrious father Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and achieved equal distinction in every field of activity. Inheriting the Chettinad traditional expertise in banking and developing skills in modern banking, Dr. Muthiah Chettiar was solely responsible for the phenomenal growth of the Indian Bank. He was also a member of the Provincial Banking Enquiry Commission in 1929. Later, he blossomed into an industrialist and set up the Chettinad Cements adding to his large trade and commercial empire. He represented the South India Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the Madras Legislative Council with great ability.

Dr. Muthiah Chettiar made invaluable contribution to the then Madras Presidency, as Mayor of Madras in 1933, Minister for Education and Public Health in 1936 and Minister for Local Administration in 1939. He maintained high dignity and decorum and was a model legislator. After Independence he continued to be a member of the Madras Legislative Assembly and Council, where his interventions were positive, constructive and totally objective. He was always heard with respect and attention by all the members of the House as well as the Government.

Time cannot erase his contribution to education in the State. Though Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar founded the Annamalai University it was Dr. Muthiah Chettiar who raised it to the level it is today and expanded it in all directions. Besides the University, he founded a number of technical and educational institutions throughout the State and the people of Tamil Nadu owe him a deep debt of gratitude for the service to the cause of education.

Dr. Chettiar was a connoisseur of Art, Music and Literature. He patronised all art forms generously and helped several cultural institutions to grow. He was also a

prince among donors. No worthy cause, religious, literary or social service went without his making a magnificent contribution. It is impossible to make a count of his philanthropy and munificence.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar was above all a perfect gentleman. He approximated to Cardinal Newman's definition of a gentleman. He was the pink of courtesy; one had to learn from him the elegant ways of addressing others. His life was a glorious example of a perfect one and should inspire others to emulate.

Thiru M. BHAKTAVATSALAM

One distinction about Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar's career is that he was the founder of the Tamil Isai Movement. Tamil Isai is not, of course, the find of anyone and it is as old as Tamil. But Rajah Saheb gave new life to the Tamil Isai. The two magnificent auditoriums in Madras and Madurai are standing monuments, erected by Rajah Saheb, which now serve the music lovers. The Vaishnavite Alwars have themselves set to musical tunes their illustrious Pasurams.

The Tamil Isai Sangam founded by Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar has spread out in many directions. There is a school in Madras teaching music. There is research on various aspects of Tamil Isai which serve a very useful purpose. Dr. Rajah Sir was interested in all public affairs. He did not miss sports.

Sir Muthiah Chettiar was an illustrious example of hospitality and he was very pleasant in conversation. He was also interested in industry and economic development.

Dr. B. GOPALA REDDI

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar was an embodiment of goodness. Any tribute paid to him looks inadequate. He had many facets of his nobility. But I confine myself to his parental attachment to the University founded by his generous father. For thirty-six years, he was the Pro-Chancellor and the unseen vitality of the University. Very eminent Vice-Chancellors presided over the destinies of the University. They came and they left. But Rajah Muthiah Chettiar remained giving it the inspiration and moral support it needed. The University had grown enormously, spreading its branches into technical faculties. It has become a centre of higher learning. We who have been watching the growth of it feel proud of its achievements. More is yet to blossom and our horizons of learning go on expanding. Universities must reflect the demands of the future.

We cannot rest on our oars. We have many promises to fulfil. Ours must be a relentless effort to march forward on the path of knowledge.

Rajah Saheb was our guiding star and under his benign inspiration, we march on steadily. We shall not falter in our march. We shall be the standard bearers of the great legacy left by Rajah Saheb.

I pay my full-hearted tribute, however feeble it is, to the memory of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar.

Dr. SIR C.P. RAMASWAMI AIYAR

If I were asked to describe his (Rajah Saheb's) career concisely, I would characterise it as that of a person who is specially remarkable for his loyalty to chosen friends and to public causes in which he believes. His gift of friendship, which is as consistent as it is selective, is accompanied by a capacity for hard-hitting and fearless criticism of public men and measures when, in his opinion, they proceed along misdirected paths.

Justice M.M. ISMAIL

I have known Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar Saheb for a fairly long time. On this occasion I would like to stress only two aspects of his great career.

The first aspect is the incredibly uniform courtesy charmingly extended by him to everyone he came across, irrespective of the age, the status in life and the equipment in career. Such a graceful gesture on the part of the Rajah Saheb put everyone at ease in his company and his long and distinguished life enabled him to reel off anecdote after anecdote full of wisdom and guidance for those persons in the company. In fact he epitomized in his life the best of Tamil and Indian Culture.

The second aspect is the ever-present interest in, and concern for, the growth of the Annamalai University and its development as an outstanding institution of not only higher education but also the entire range of Tamil literature, learning and culture.

May his memory live forever and guide and inspire all those connected with the institutions which he founded, fostered and nurtured!

Shri Nani A. PALKHIVALA

Sir Muthiah was a man of many and varied parts. He was a businessman with a social conscience, for whom the profit motive was a secondary consideration. He was an ardent educationist who realized that a student must cultivate his mind, not merely with a view to offering it as a commodity for sale in the marketplace. He was a man of culture and deep learning — in fact, an ideal citizen of India. He richly deserved the honours conferred on him both at home and abroad. At the same time he was so lovable — he could be said to have a gift for friendship.

I don't find words to describe the virtuous qualities of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar who dedicated his entire life-time for the cause of education and promotion of business and industry.

The educational institutions founded by him bear testimony to the abundant interest he evinced in the field of education. It is no exaggeration if I could say that he has left an indelible mark in promoting Tamil Isai Movement in Tamilnadu. The magnificent music hall in Madurai is a standing monument testifying to his flair for music.

His contribution to the public cause was commendable in whatever post he held in the various walks of life.

அரசருக்கு ஆன்றோர்கள் வாழ்த்து

டாக்டர் எஸ். இராதாகிருஷ்ணன்

நகராண்மைக் கழகத்திலும், சட்டசபையிலும் இவர்கள் செய்த பணி எல்லோர்க்கும் தெரிந்ததே. நிதித் துறையில் இவர்கள் கொண்ட சிறந்த ஈடுபாடு, நம்முடைய தொழில் முன்னேற்றத்திற்கும் பொருளாதார முன்னேற்றத் திற்கும் மிகப் பெரிய உதவியாக இருந்தது. இவர்கள் இணைவேந்தராக இருந்துவரும் பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு இவர்கள் செய்த தொண்டுகள் குறிப்பிடத்தக்கன.

கே. காமராஜ்

தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள பல நல்ல பயன் தரும் நிலையங்களிலும் இயக்கங் களிலும் ராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்களின் வாழ்வு பின்னிப் பிணைந்து கொண்டுள்ளது. இவர்களுடைய ஊக்கமும் ஆழ்ந்த ஈடுபாடும் இல்லாமற் போயிருந்தால், அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம், இன்று உள்ள அளவையோ நிலையையோ அடைந்திருக்க முடியாது. தமிழிசை இயக்கத்தின் வாழ்வும் உயிரும் இவர்களேதான். தமிழிசை உலகில் நடை பெற்றுள்ள மிகப்பெரிய ஆராய்ச்சிகளுக்கெல்லாம் இவர்களே சிறப்பான காரணம் எனலாம்.

சி. இராஜகோபாலாச்சாரியார்

ராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்களின் வாழ்வு வாணிகம், அரசியல் எனப் பலதிறப்பட்ட தொண்டுலகில், பயன் நிறைந்து நன்மை பயக்கும் வகையில் செயலாற்றி வந்த வாழ்வாகவே அமைந்துள்ளது.

இவர்களின் தந்தையார் பெயர் கொண்டு விளங்கும் பல்கலைக் கழகம், தொடர்ந்து முன்னேறி வருகிறது என்றால், அந்த நிலையம், ஆற்றல் பெற்ற நல்ல துணைவேந்தர்களது தொண்டினை இடையறவுபடாது தொடர்ச்சியாகப் பெறுவதற்காக, இவர்கள் காட்டும் ஆர்வமும், நல்ல முடிவுகாணும் இவர்களின் திறமும் அதற்குச் சிறந்த காரணங்கள் எனலாம்.

ஜெயசாமராஜ உடையார்

அறச் செயல்களாகவும், சமுதாய வெற்றிகளாகவும் பழுத்த இவர்களின் பொதுநலத் தொண்டு பாராட்டத்தக்கது.

எம். பக்தவத்சலம்

தம்முடைய தந்தையார் நிலைநாட்டிய நிலையங்களை நிலை பெறச் செய்வதுடன், அவற்றை மேலும் மேலும் வளர்க்கவும் செய்தார்கள். தமிழர் களுடைய இலக்கிய மரபினையும், பண்பாட்டு மரபினையும், கலைமரபினையும் வளர்ப்பதற்கு என்றே பல நிலையங்களை இவர்கள் தாமாகவே நிலைநாட்டி யுள்ளார்கள்.

சி. சுப்பிரமணியம்

தம் வாழ்நாள் எல்லாம் பொதுநலத்திற்காகவே இவர்கள் அரிதின் முயன்று உழைத்துள்ளார்கள்.

சர். சார்லஸ் கன்னிங்ஹாம்

புகழ்பெற்ற தந்தையாரின் அடிச்சுவடுகளை, சிறப்புடன் இவர்கள் பின்பற்றியிருக்கிறார்கள். இவர்கள் நாட்டு மக்களுக்கும் நாட்டிற்கும் செய்த வற்றையெல்லாம் கருதி, நான் இவர்களுக்கு மிகுந்த மரியாதையுடன் பெருமதிப்பு அளிக்கிறேன்.

கே. கே. பிர்லா

இவர்களின் வள்ளன்மை, மரியாதை நிறைந்த அடக்கம், யாரையும் கவருமாறு ஒழுகும் முறை ஆகியவை, இவர்களுடன் தொடர்பு கொள்ளும் எல்லோருடைய அன்பையும் மதிப்பு உணர்ச்சியையும் பணிகொள்கின்றன.

கருமுத்து தியாகராயச் செட்டியார்

யாவரையும் வெல்லும் இவர்களின் ஒழுக்கமும், வரிசையறிந்து வணங்கும் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க அடக்கமும், உதவி புரியும் இயல்பும், அரசுத் தன்மைக்கு ஏற்ற விருந்தளித்தலும் ஆகியவை, இவர்களைப் பெரிதும் சுற்றி உள்ள நண்பர் களையும் பாராட்டுவோரையும் இவர்களின் வயமாக்கின.

வி. வி. கிரி

ஊக்கம் தந்து செயல்களை நடத்திச் செல்லும் ஆற்றல், தொடங்கும் வாய்ப்பு, வளம், மனத்தின் படைப்புத்திறன் ஆகியவற்றைக் கொண்டு இவர்கள், வணிகத்துறை, தொழில்துறை ஆகியவற்றை வளம் பெறச் செய் துள்ளார்கள். இந்தியன் வங்கியின் தொடக்கமும் அதன் இக்கால நிலையும் இவர்களுடைய ஆற்றல் வாய்ந்த தலைமையால் ஆனவை.

டாக்டர் ஸ்ரீபிரகாசா

இராஜா அவர்களைப் பற்றி என் மனத்தில் பதிந்தது, இவர்களுடைய சிறந்த உண்மையான வணக்கமுறையாகும். அது இவர்கட்கு இயல்பாய் அமைந்த ஒன்றாகும். செல்வமும், பதவி நிலையும் கொண்டு இவர்கள் பெருமை கொள்வதில்லை.

தந்தை பெரியார்

இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்களுக்கு இருக்கின்ற வசதிகளுக்கு அவர் பொதுமக்களை நினைக்க வேண்டிய கட்டாய மில்லை. ஆனால் இராஜா சர் அடிக்கடி நினைத்து நல்லவைகளையே செய்வதைப் பார்க்கும்போது அவரை மகாராஜா என்றே அழைக்கத் தோன்றுகிறது.

அறிஞர் அண்ணா

தம்முடைய நல்ல முடிவுகளையும் இராஜா அவர்கள் தம் வாயிலாக வெளிப்படுத்தாமல் மற்றவர்கள் மூலமாக வெளிப்படுத்தும் ஆற்றலைக் கண்டு

நான் பலமுறை வியந்ததுண்டு. தம்மைவிட இளையவர்களை 'நீங்கள்' என்று அழைக்கும் மரியாதை இராஜா அவர்களுக்குரிய பல குணங்களில் முதன்மை யானது ஆகும்.

சர். ஆலிவர் இ. குணதிலகே

இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள், ஒரு சிறு சமூகத்தின் நிலையிலோ, ஒரு மாநிலத்தின் நிலையிலோ அல்லது ஒருமொழித் தொகுதியின் நிலையிலோ, எண்ணுகின்றவர் அல்லர் அனைத்து இந்திய நிலையிலே இந்தியாவை உலகத்திடையே வைத்து எண்ணு பவர்கள்.

பி. டபிள்யூ.வி. ஜான்சன்

அன்பின் உருவம் அவர், அமைதியின் சிகரம் அவர், பண்பின் மறுபதிப்பு அவர், நேர்மையின் எடுத்துக்காட்டு அவர், அறிவுப் பெட்டகம் அவர், அனுபவத்தின் பாசறை அவர், சாந்தத்தின் குடியிருப்பு அவர், சத்தியசீலர் அவர், தமிழின விளக்கு அவர், கலங்கரை விளக்கம் அவர், சுருங்கக்கூறின் அவர் ஒரு தனிமனிதரல்லர். அவர் ஒரு சக்தி – ஒரு சரித்திரநாயகர்.

ருக்மினிதேவி அருண்டேல்

இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள் கருணைக்கும் அன்புக்கும் உருவமாகத் திகழ்ந்தார்கள். அவர் தியாகச் செம்மலாகவும் சிறப்புமிக்க பெரியவராகவும் வாழ்ந்தார்.

ஹெச்.சி. கோத்தாரி

தொழில், கல்வி, சட்டசபை, வங்கித்துறை, கலை மற்றும் இசை எனத் தாம் தேர்ந்தெடுத்துக் கொண்ட எத்துறையின்பாலும் அரசர் அவர்கள் ஆற்றியுள்ள சேவைகளை எவர் ஒருவரும் முழுமையாகப் பாராட்ட வார்த்தை களே இல்லை.

கி. ஆ. பெ. விசுவநாதம்

சைவத்திற்கும், தமிழுக்கும், கல்விக்கும், தமிழிசைக்கும் இவர்கள் செய்த தொண்டு, அலைந்த அலைச்சல், வாரி வழங்கிய செல்வம் ஆகியவை, தமிழும் தமிழரும் தமிழகமும் உள்ளவரை, எவராலும் மறக்க முடியாதவை.

டாக்டர் கலைஞர் மு. கருணாநிதி

டாக்டர் ராஜா சர் அவர்கள் தமிழுக்கும் – கல்வி முன்னேற்றத்திற்கும் ஆற்றிய தொண்டு யாராலும் மறைக்க முடியாதது; மறுக்க முடியாதது. தமிழ்நாட்டில் தமிழிசை இயக்கத்தின் மேம்பாட்டிற்கும் அரும்பாடுபட்டவர். தமிழக மேலவையிலே அவர்கள் உறுப்பினராக இருந்து கழக ஆட்சி இருந்த போது ஆற்றிய உரைகள் அவரது ஆற்றலுக்கும், அனைத்துத் துறைகளிலும் அவர் கொண்டுள்ள ஈடுபாட்டிற்கும் முக்கிய எடுத்துக்காட்டுகளாகத் திகழ்வன.

புரட்சித்தலைவர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஜி. இராமச்சந்திரன்

தமது வாழ்க்கையில் பெற்ற ஆற்றல்கள், அறிவுச் செல்வம் அனைத்தையும் தமிழ்நாட்டின் நலனை முன்வைத்தே செலவிட்டவர் என்ற பெருமை டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா அவர்களுக்கு உண்டு. அவரது கல்விப் பணியாலும் தொழில்துறைப் பணியாலும், அரசு நிர்வாகப் பணியாலும் தமிழகம் பெற்ற நலன்கள் ஏராளமாகும்.

குறிப்பிட்ட ஒரு துறையில் பயிற்சியும் அறிவும் பெற்றால் போதும் என்று தங்களைச் சுருக்கிக் கொள்பவர்கள் நிறைந்து வருகிற இந்த நாட்களைப் போலன்றித் தமது சிந்தனை ஆற்றலாலும், முயற்சியாலும் பல்துறை வித்தகத் தன்மைகளைப் பெற்றவர் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா அவர்கள்.

கல்வித்துறை, நகராட்சி நிர்வாகத்துறை, தொழில்துறை, அறநிலையத் துறை இவற்றில் டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா அவர்கள் ஆழமான பேரறிவு படைத்தவர். இத்துறைகளில் அக்காலத்திலிருந்த சென்னை மாகாண அரசு பல முன்னோடி முயற்சிகளை மேற்கொள்வதற்கு டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா அவர்கள் வழிகோலியவர் ஆவார். வாய்ப்பு நேரும்போதெல்லாம் தமது அனுபவரீதியான ஆலோசனைகளை ஆட்சிப் பொறுப்பில் உள்ள எங்களுக்கு அளித்து வந்தவர்.

டாக்டர் எம். ஏ. முத்தையா அவர்களின் வாழ்க்கை அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழக மாணவர்களுக்கு மட்டுமன்றி, தமிழகத்தின் அனைத்து மாணவர்களுக்கும் ஒரு பாடம் போன்றதாகும்.

செல்வச் செழிப்பும், தகுந்த உதவியாளர்களும் இருந்த போதிலும் தாம் தொடர்பு கொண்ட ஒவ்வொரு பணியிலும் முழுக் கவனத்தோடு, விசுவாசத் தோடு, பக்தியுடன் தம்மை அவர் ஈடுபடுத்திக்கொண்டார் என்பதையும், அதனால்தான் அண்ணாமலை அரசர் நிறுவிய பல நிறுவனங்கள் டாக்டர் முத்தையா அவர்கள் காலத்தில் பல்கிப் பெருகி வளர்ந்தன என்பதையும் நானறிவேன்.

பேராசிரியர் திரு. க. அன்பழகன்

தமிழ்த்திருநாட்டின் பெருமைக்கு ஒரு சின்னமாக ஒளிரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் இரண்டாவது இணைவேந்தர் செட்டிநாட்டரசர் சர் முத்தையா செட்டியார்.

இவர்தம் அருமைத் தந்தையாரின் அரிய முயற்சியில் வடிவம் கொண்ட அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம், செட்டிநாட்டரசர் முத்தையா செட்டியார் முயற்சியாலும், ஆர்வத்தாலும், தொண்டாலும், மேலும் வளர்ந்து சிறப்புடையதாக நிலவுகிறது என்பது, போற்றி எண்ண வேண்டியதாகும். அதே போன்று, தமிழிசை இயக்கமும் அவர்களால் வளர்க்கப்பெற்று, இசைத்தமிழ் ஆராய்ச்சியும் தொடர்ந்து நடத்தப்பட்டு, தமிழ் இசையின் மாண்பினை உலகம் உணரும் வழி காணப்பட்டுள்ளது போற்றப்படவேண்டியதாகும். செட்டிநாட்டரசர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள் தமது இளமைக்காலத்திலேயே நீதிக்கட்சியில் ஒரு தலைவராக விளங்கி, சென்னை மாநகரத்தின் முதல் 'மேயராகவும்' நீதிக்கட்சி அமைச்சரவையில் ஓர் அமைச்சராகவும் பொறுப்பேற்று – பலரது பாராட்டுக்கும் உரியவராகுமாறு தொண்டாற்றியவர். தமிழகத்தில் இந்தி மொழி திணிக்கப்படுவது தமிழர் முன்னேற்றத்தைத் தடுக்கும் எனவும், தமிழர்க்கு ஆங்கிலமே ஏற்றமளிக்கும் எனவும் உணர்ந்து, அந்தக் குறிக்கோள் வெற்றிபெற 1937-ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் இந்தி எதிர்ப்பு இயக்கத்தில் பங்கேற்றும், அவ்வப்பொழுது இந்தி எதிர்ப்பு முழக்கம் செய்தும் வந்தவர் அவர்.

சட்டப்பேரவையிலும், மேலவையிலும் இடம்பெற்றிருந்த காலங்களில், காங்கிரசு சார்பினராக இருந்த நாட்களிலும், இந்தி ஆதிக்கம் குறித்தும், மாநில அரசின் உரிமைகள் குறித்தும் அவ்வப்போது எடுத்துக்கூறி, நாட்டு மக்களைும் அரசையும் எச்சரித்து வந்தவர். ராஜா சர் முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்கள் உள்ளத்தில் தமிழ்ப்பற்றும் தமிழ் இனஉணர்வும் எந்நாளும் இடம் பெற்றிருந்ததை நான் அறிவேன். எந்தக்கட்சி ஆட்சியில் இருந்தாலும், தமது தனி எண்ணத்தை வெளியிட அவர் தயங்கியதில்லை. வளம் ஓங்கிய ஒரு வள்ளல் குடும்பத்தின் வழிவந்து, வளம் பெருக்கும் தொழில் திறமுடையவராகவும், வளமான உள்ளமும், ஊக்கமும் கொண்டவராகவும் திட்டமிட்டுச் செயற்படுபவராகவும் திகழ்ந்த பெருமை அவருக்குண்டு.

அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழக முன்னாள் மாணவர்களிடமும்-குறிப்பாக என் போன்ற இயக்கத்தவரிடமும் தனி அன்பு கொண்டவராக அவர் விளங்கினார். காண்போர்க்கு எளியராய், உரையாடுவதற்கு இனியராய், எவருக்கும் மரியாதை வழங்கும் மாண்புடையராய், எல்லோரையும் தமது அன்பால் கவரும் திறத்தராய், பல்லோரின் பாராட்டையும் பெறும் ஒரு தலைவராய் விளங்கிய செட்டிநாட்டரசர் முத்தையா செட்டியாரின் நினைவும் புகழும் எந்நாளும் நிலைப்பதாகும்.

டாக்டர் ம.பொ.சிவஞானம்

நாடு சுதந்திரம் பெறுவதற்கு முன்பே தமிழ் இசைக்குப் புத்துயிர் கொடுக்க ஒரு தனி இயக்கம் தோன்றியது. அதனைத் தோற்றுவித்த பெருமை ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் அவருடைய தலைமைந்தன் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ. முத்தைய செட்டியார் ஆகியோருடையதாகும்.

அவர்கள், தங்களால் நிறுவப்பட்ட அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் துணைகொண்டே தமிழிசை இயக்கத்தைத் தோற்றுவித்தனர் என்று சொல்லவேண்டும்.

தமிழகத்திலே — தமிழர் மத்தியிலே இசையரங்கு நடக்கிறதென்றால், அதிலே தமிழ்ப் பாட்டைக் கேட்பது அரிதாக இருந்தது. பாடினாலும், ''துக்கடா'' என்னும் பெயரில் கடைசியாகத்தான் ஒன்றிரண்டு பாடல்களைப் பாடுவார் பாடகர்.

தமிழகத்தில் தமிழில் பாடாத கொடுமையை எதிர்த்துக் குமுறிக் குமுறி எழுதினார் பாரதியார். தேசியத் தலைவரான நாவலர் எஸ். சத்தியமூர்த்தியும், இசையரங்குகளிலே தமிழ்ப் பாடல்களே முதலிடம் பெறவேண்டும் என்று இசை விழாக்களிலே முழங்கினார். ஆனால் அவர்களுடைய குரல்கள் இசையரங்கில் பாடுவோரின் செவிகளில் ஏறவில்லை.

இப்படிப்பட்ட கொடுமை மிக்க சூழ்நிலையிலே செட்டிநாட்டரசர் குடும்பம் தமிழிசை இயக்கத்தைத் தோற்றுவித்தது. இந்த நூற்றாண்டின் முற்பாதியிலே தமிழ் வளர்ச்சிக்கு எடுக்கப்பட்ட முயற்சிகளிலே தலையாயது தமிழிசை இயக்கம்.

டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ. முத்தைய செட்டியார் பிறமொழிப் பகையின்றித் தமிழிசை இயக்கத்தை வளர்க்க ஆக்க வழியில் பாடுபட்டார். அவரிடம் யான் கண்ட இந்தத் தனித்தன்மை என்னைப் பெரிதும் கவர்ந்தது; அவரை நேசிக்கவும் செய்தது.

டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ. முத்தைய செட்டியாரிடம் ஒருமுறை பழகிவிட்டால், பின்பு அவரை மறக்கவே முடியாது; நாம் மறந்தாலும் அவர் மறக்கமாட்டார். நண்பர்களை நெஞ்சார நினைப்பதிலே அவருக்கு நிகர் அவர்தான்; நண்பர்களைக் கௌரவிப்பதிலேயும் அவருக்கு இணையாக இன்னொருவர் பெயரைச் சொல்ல என்னால் முடியவில்லை. ஆம்; பெரும் செல்வந்த ராயினும், எளியவரோடும் சமமாகப் பழகுவார்.

நான் எந்தப் பதவிப் பொறுப்பிலும் அமராதிருந்த காலத்திலே நாங்கள் இருவரும் நண்பர்களானோம். ஏழ்மையில் வாடிய எளியவனாக யான் இருந்த நிலையிலேயே என்னைத் தமது ஆருயிர்த் தோழனாக ஏற்றார்.

78 வயதுக்கு மேலும் அப்பெரியார் வாழ்ந்தாரென்றாலும், அவரிடம் ஒரு சந்தர்ப்பத்தில்கூட முதுமைக்குரிய சோர்வை நான் கண்டதில்லை; இளமைத் துடிப்போடு செயலாற்றி வந்தார்.

சென்னை மாநகராட்சியின் கடைசித் தலைவராகவும், முதல் ''மேயராக''வும் இருந்த பெருமை அவருக்கு உண்டு. ''தலைவர்'' என்னும் பெயரை ''மேயர்'' என்று மாற்றிய பெருமை அவருக்கே உரியதாகும். மேயருக்கென அழகிய ஆசனம் ஒன்றையும், பட்டுக்கோட்டு ஒன்றையும், பல்லாயிரம் ரூபாய் மதிப்புடைய தங்கச் செயினையும் தமது சொந்தச் செலவில் தந்து உதவினார்.

1935-வது ஆண்டைய அரசியல் சட்டப்படி அமைந்த சென்னை மாகாண முதல் அசெம்பிளியிலேயே டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ. முத்தைய செட்டியார் உறுப்பினரானார். அதனையடுத்து, ஆலோசகர் ஆட்சியில் ஆறு மாத காலம் கல்வித் துறையில் அமைச்சராகவும் பதவி வகித்தார். இதற்கெல்லாம் முன்பு மத்திய சட்டசபையிலும் அங்கத்தினராக இருந்தார். பார்லிமெண்டரித் துறையில் பழுத்த அனுபவம் பெற்ற அரசியல்வாதியாவார்.

இவ்வளவையும் சேர்த்துப் பார்த்தால், அவரோடு ஒப்பிடுவதற்கு இன்னொருவருடைய பெயர் நினைவிற்கு வரவில்லை.

ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியாரின் மறைவுக்குப்பின், அவரது வாரிசாக நின்று, அவர் தொடங்கி வைத்த தமிழ்ப் பணியைக் குறைவறச் செய்து வந்தார் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ. முத்தைய செட்டியார். சென்னை நகரிலே தமது தந்தையாரின் நினைவின் பொருட்டும், தமிழிசை வளர்ச்சியின் பொருட்டும் ''ராஜா அண்ணாமலை மன்றத்தை'' நிறுவினார். அதனினும் சிறப்பாக மதுரையிலே தமிழிசையின் வளர்ச்சிக்கென ''முத்தையா மன்றத்தை'' நிறுவினார்.

வள்ளல் முத்தைய செட்டியாரை இறந்தவர்களில் ஒருவராக நான் கருதவில்லை. தமிழோடு இரண்டறக் கலந்து, இன்னமும் நம்மிடையே வாழ்ந்து வருகிறார் என்றே கருதுகிறேன்.

டாக்டர் வ.சுப. மாணிக்கம்

தமிழ்ப்புரவலர் தமிழிசைக்காவலர் அரசர் முத்தைய வள்ளலை எண்ணும் போதெல்லாம், ''குணங்களால் உயர்ந்த வள்ளல்'' என்று கம்பர் பெருமான் இராமபிரானைப் பாராட்டிய காப்பியத் தொடரே என் நினைவுக்கு வருகின்றது. குணவள்ளல் என்பவர் யார்? காட்சிக்கு எளியவர், இன்சொல்லர், யாரையும் உறவாக மதிப்பவர். இத்தகு பண்புகள் முத்தையவேளிடம் குடிகொண்டு தழைத்தன என்பதை ஒருநாள் அப்பெருஞ் சான்றோரிடம் பழகிய யாரும் உணர்வர்.

ஒரு சிலர் மிகச் சில பண்புகளில் சில கலமாக விளங்குவர். நம் அரசர் பெருமகனோ எண்ணிறந்த சால்புகளின் கொள்ளிடம். அவரிடத்து இந்தப் பண்புதான் ஓங்கியிருந்தது என்று விதந்து சுட்ட இயலாதபடி பல பண்புகள் மலைச் சிகரங்கள்போல மிளிர்ந்து இலங்கின. செல்வர்களும் கற்றோர்களும் அரசுத் தலைவர்களும் பின்பற்றத்தக்க பண்பாடுகள் அக்குரிசிலிடம் இயல் பாகவே படிந்திருந்தன. அவற்றுள் ஒரு பெருஞ்சால்பினை நாம் நினைவு கொள்வது நன்றியுணர்வாகும்; நமக்கும் வளர்ச்சியாகும்.

''இரப்பான்போல் எளிவந்தும் சொல்லும்; உலகம்
புரப்பான் போல்வதோர் மதுகையும் உடையன்''

என்று சங்கக் கபிலன் அன்று வடித்த தோற்றம் இன்று நம் வள்ளலுக்கு முழுதும் பொருந்தும். முத்தையவேளின் எண்மைக்கு எல்லையுண்டா? முன்றிலுக்கு முன்வந்து கைகூப்பிக் கதவு திறந்து தோள் கொடுத்து வரவேற்பதிலும், உண்க உண்க என வற்புறுத்தி பல்லுணவு வைத்து விருந்தோம்பும் ஈடுபாட்டிலும், வந்தவரை அமரச் செய்து அவர் கேட்கக் கருத்துக்களைச் சரளமாகப் பரிமாறிக் கொள்வதிலும், முற்றம் வரை வந்து ஊர்தி கொண்டு வரச் செய்து, கதவு திறந்து உள்ளிருக்கவைத்துக் கைகூப்பி வழி விடுப்பதிலும் நிகரானார் பிறர் உளரோ?

இவ்வளவு எளிமைக்குள் கிடக்கும் பெருமையை உணர்க என்று கபிலர் வெளிப்படுத்துகின்றார். உலகாளும் திறத்தவர், அறிஞர், அரசர், அமைச்சர், தொழில் மேதை, தமிழ்த் தலைவர், பல்கலைக்கழக இணைவேந்தர், இந்திய அரசியற் சான்றோர், பெரும் புகழினார் என்றெல்லாம் ஒருகணம் நினைத்துப் பார்த்தால், இமயமலையின் வணக்கம்போல அரசரின் எளிமை நமக்குத் தோன்றும்.

இத்தகைய பெருந்தலைவரிடமிருந்து எத்துறை மக்களும் கற்றுக்கொள்ள வேண்டியன யாவை? தன் எளிமையும் பிறரை மதித்தலுமே.

டாக்டர் சர் சி.பி. இராமசாமி ஐயர்

இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள், தொழில் துறையோ, வணிகத்துறையோ, அரசியல் துறையோ எவையானாலும் அவற்றைப் பற்றி முதிர்ந்த அனுபவம் கொண்டு நன்றாகச் சீர்தூக்கி ஆராய்ந்ததன் பயனாக உருவாக்கிக்கொண்ட கொள்கைகளை, தெளிவாக வெளியிடாத துறைகளே இல்லை எனலாம். இந்தக் கொள்கைகள் தெளிவுடனும் திறந்த மனத்துடனும் இவர்களால் கூறப்படும் இயல்பு வாய்ந்தவை.

மீ.ப. சோமு

இந்த நூற்றாண்டில் உதித்த பெருந்தகையாளர்கள் வரிசையிலே முன்னணியில் காட்சி தருகிற மிகப் பெரிய மனிதர் டாக்டர் இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள்.

பெரிய மனிதர் என்ற சொல்லுக்கு எத்தனை பொருள் உண்டோ அத்தனையும் பொருந்தக்கூடிய மிகப்பெரிய மனிதர் இந்த மாமன்னராகிய செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர். உருவம் பெரிது; உள்ளம் பெரிது; சாதனையும் பெரிது. நினைவு, சொல், செயல் மூன்றிலுமே பெரிய மனிதராக அவர் திகழ்ந்தார்.

டாக்டர் சேவியர் தனிநாயக அடிகள்

நெடிதுயர்ந்த உருவம், நெஞ்சைத் துளைத்து, மற்றவர்கள் மனத்தை எடைபோடும் கூரிய பார்வை, உயர்ந்தவர் தாழ்ந்தவர் என்ற வேறுபாடின்றி அனைவரையும் அணைத்துக் கொள்ள முந்தும் முழங் காலளவு நீண்ட தடக் கைகள், தமிழ் வாழவேண்டும் — தமிழர் நிலை உயரவேண்டும், பல்கலைக் கழகம் பல்கிப் பரவிக் கல்வியொளி பரப்ப வேண்டும் என்று இரவும் பகலும் எண்ணும் பரந்த மனம், இத்தனையும் ஒருசேரத் திரட்டிப் பார்த்தால், அந்த வடிவமே வேந்தர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்கள் எனக் கொள்ளலாம்.

சாண்டில்யன்

அபூர்வ மனிதர் இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார். பண்பாட்டுக்கு அவர் ஓர் இலக்கணம்.

அகிலன்

செட்டிநாட்டு அரசர் குடும்பம், தமிழ்நாட்டுப் பெருவள்ளல்கள் நிறைந்த குடும்பம். திரை கடலோடித் திரவியம் சேர்த்துத் தமிழர்களின் அகவாழ்வும் புறவாழ்வும் வளர்வதற்காக, அரும் பணியாற்றி வருபவர்கள் அவர்கள். தமிழ்த்தாய், அவர்களை என்றென்றும் போற்றிப் பெருமை கொள்வாள்.

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His Excellency Dr. P. C. Alexander

Governor of Tamilnadu

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Chancellor, Annamalai University

A Pen Portrait

Dr. P.C. Alexander, was born on 20th March 1921 at Mavelikara in the State of Kerala. He graduated with M.A. in History and Economics from the Kerala University in 1941. Immediately after graduation he joined as a member of the Faculty of the Department of History of Annamalai University at the young age of 20. But he soon made a mark as a good teacher by his scholarly and eloquent lectures and involvement in research. He took very active interest in youth activities, especially in the literary activities, by participating in Debates, Mock Parliaments, etc., and thus trained the students in oratorical, debating and histrionic skills. Thus he became one of the most popular teachers in the University. He took his M.Litt and D.Litt. Degrees under the able guidance of Dewan Bahadur Prof. C.S. Srinivasachary, a reputed historian of the day. With his brilliant academic career, sharp intellect and masterly eloquence, he easily got selected for the Indian Administrative Service, when it was instituted.

He had the benefit of training at famous institutions like the Board of Trade, UK, on a Nuffield Foundation Fellowship, and Research at the Standford Research Institute, California on a Ford Foundation Fellowship. The valuable training he had in these reputed institutions stood him in good stead to carve out a distinguished career in the Administrative Service. During his service in the Government of India, he held various positions of importance such as Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries; Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries; Secretary, Foreign Trade, and later, Commerce Secretary, etc. He had also held several assignments in the United Nations Organisations, such as Senior Adviser, Centre for Industrial Development, UN HQ, in New York, Chief of the UN Project on Small Industries, and Adviser to the Government of Iran in Tehran, and Senior Adviser and later Executive Director and Assistant Secretary General, International Trade Centre in Geneva.

In due recognition of his academic achievements, administrative acumen, diplomatic dexterity and negotiating ability, he was appointed to the most prestigious and highly responsible post of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister of India, by Smt. Indira Gandhi, and later he was given the important assignment of the High Commissioner for India in UK, where he served for three

years. At present, he is the popular Governor of our State of Tamil Nadu where he had started his career as an Assistant Collector in the then Tirunelveli District. He is also the proud Chancellor of his Alma Mater, Annamalai University. He evinces very great interest in the promotion of education in general and higher education in particular, in his capacity as Chancellor for several Universities in Tamil Nadu. He is the proud author of the following books: 1. *The Dutch in Malabar*, 2. *Buddhism in Kerala* and 3. *Industrial Estates in India.* In fine, he is an eminent scholar, enlightened educationist, a powerful and eloquent orator in English, an able administrator, a wizard in matters of trade and commerce, a distinguished diplomat and a great Governor. He is happily married to Mrs. Ackama Alexander and is blessed with four children.

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Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy

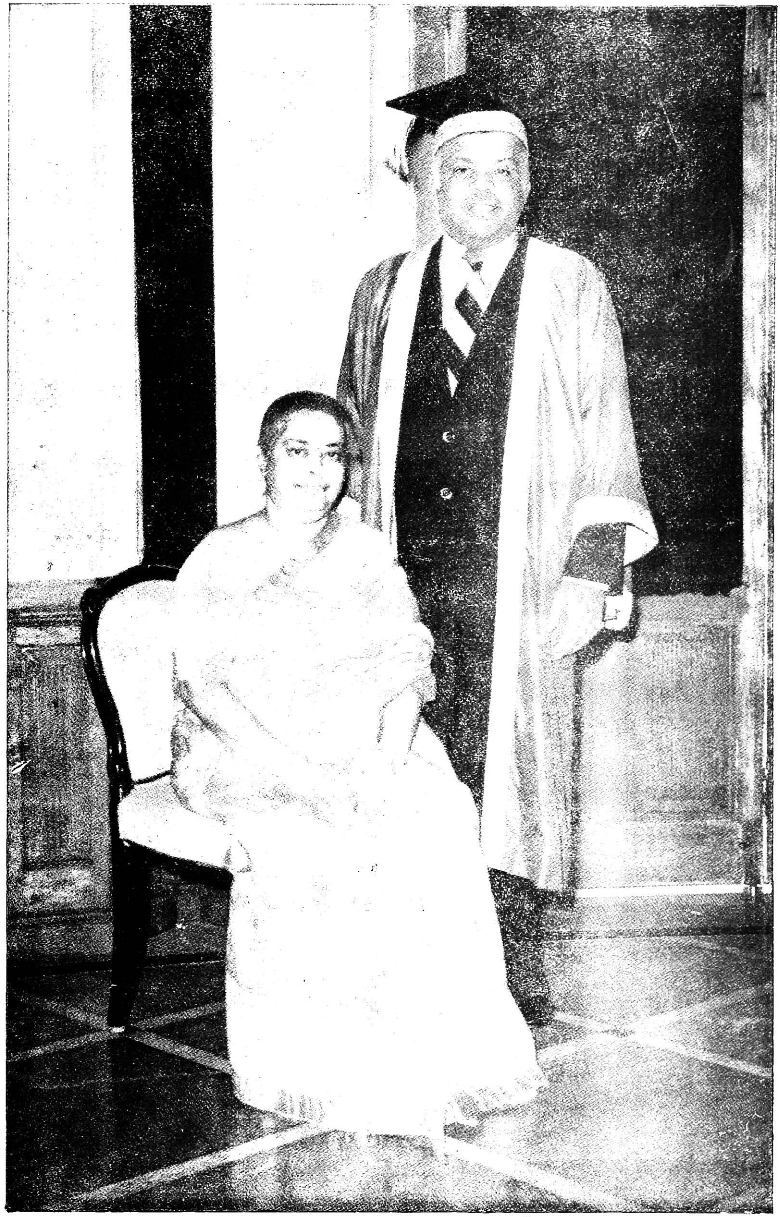
Founder Pro-Chancellor

A Biographical Profile

The life of a man, it is said, can become a heroic poem, if only he becomes all that he was created capable of being. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy's multi-faceted career exemplifies the essence of this opinion. Endowed as he is with a 'do and dare' spirit, his mind has a fierce grasp of all higher thoughts and better things, of fancy and reflection, of art and culture together in a remarkable manner. It works with extraordinary freedom and candour. Dr. Ramaswamy's keen understanding of men and matters, his catholic outlook, his originality, his sense of discernment and above all his largeness of heart veritably mark him out as an illustrious grandson of an illustrious grandfather and as a worthy son of a worthy father.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy was born on 30th September 1931 as the second son of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad. His grandfather Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was the peerless founder and bounteous benefactor of the Annamalai University. By a strange but happy concidence the birthday of the grandfather and the grandson was the same, that is, 30th September. "Nobly to live befits proud birth" says Sophocles. Even so Dr. Ramaswamy has nobly lived ever since his birth, inheriting, as he did, the fabulous name and fame of the Chettinad family known for its many glorious benefactions and acts of noble public service. As a child he was precocious, intensely curious and pleasantly interactive. His elder brother (the late Kumararajah Muthiah) and he were deeply attached to each other. Their beloved father, who wanted to ensure that the pleasures of their childhood should enkindle their awareness of the world around them, their native intelligence and ardour and their clarity of vision, entrusted them to the care of an elderly Anglo-Indian lady teacher who nursed them with unpretentious love and genuine concern and brought them up till they gracefully blossomed into vibrant adulthood. The two children, be it remembered, requitted their gratitude to the affectionate governess by taking care of her in her old age.

Both the grandfather and the father were keen that the children should get educated in the best of schools. The boyhood of Dr. Ramaswamy was shaped by the Church Park Convent, San Thome High School and P.S. High School which helped him shed all inhibitions and attain emotional and mental maturity. The four years of collegiate education that he spent in Vivekananda College are even now recalled by him with delightful vividness. For, was it not here that he bloomed into one of the finest sportsmen of the State,



Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and Mrs. Sigapi Ramaswamy

what with his splendorous successes in Inter-University Tennis Tournaments. As a magnificent lover of sports and as a sportsman in his ownright, he participated in the sports activities of his Alma Mater with fiery zeal and zest. He contributed not a little to making the physical education programmes of the college exciting, wholesome and beneficial. The Vivekananda College found in him not only a star performer in tennis but also one who enthused and animated his fellow players and classmates with his sportsman-like qualities such as mental alertness, perseverance, team-spirit, leadership, obedience to rules, moderation in victory and composure in defeat. As a student, he maintained a dignified bearing which endeared him to his professors, some of whom are even now alive to bear testimony to his having been one interested in his academic studies also, inspite of his vigorous involvement in sports. It must be said in this context that Prof. R. Krishnamurthi (now retired Principal of Pachaiyappa's College), with his natural gift of teaching, ably guided young Ramaswamy in his academic preparations at home. By the time the latter graduated, he had come into contact with quite a number of scholars, public men and individuals with depth of judgment, perspective and a broad comprehension of the problems facing our world.

After taking his degree, Dr. Ramaswamy made his entry into business, while at the same time gaining proficiency in the indigenous methods of banking. Very soon he became a member of the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry. By his prudence and sagacity he made the Chamber grow and expand impressively. Like his father, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, he too enlarged the scale of its operations and enhanced its usefulness in such a way as to win the grateful appreciation of the business community. Seeing his unsparing commitment to the cause of commerce and industry, the S.I.C.C.I. elected him as its President in 1971, the memorable year of its Diamond Jubilee. The Jubilee Celebration was a spectacular success because of his superb organising ability and acumen. In his prologue to the Diamond Jubilee Commemoration Volume he underscores in words of telling eloquence the significance of the historic role played by the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the lofty task of restructuring the social economy of the country in the context of the emerging changes and challenges faced by the nation. The following excerpt from his prefatory to the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir is worth quoting. "Let me say without hesitation that throughout the past sixty years the attitude of the Chamber to the economic and commercial policies of the Government has been one of active cooperation, and our criticism, were such as were called for, and have always been informed, balanced and constructive. It is only thus that an organisation like ours can strive for synthesis of approach in the implementation of economic, fiscal and trade policies as well as act as a vigilant mouthpiece of the needs of the community." Further more, his Presidential Address on that occasion was a clarion call to businessmen and industrialists to gird up their loins to meet the emerging changes and challenges in their respective fields. The following excerpt from his speech is quite thought-provoking:

"Over its long career the Chamber has seen many changes in its history and there is little doubt that it is destined to see many

more in the future. There will inevitably be big changes in the pattern of commerce and industry and the problems facing businessmen will become more and more complex. The Chamber will be called upon increasingly to shoulder additional responsibilities to meet the new challenges. We have to be prepared to meet these challenges with the same qualities as have distinguished our activities in the service of commerce and industry in the last six decades."

These timely observations proclaimed the compulsions of change which could not be ignored. And one could hardly fail to discern that even as a young promoter of industries, Dr. Ramaswamy had proved his enlightened foresight and far-flung vision. In this respect he reminds us of the razor-sharp intelligence and pragmatic wisdom of his father and grandfather. We cannot but agree with him that our days are a kaleidoscope, that nothing ever happens twice alike, and that new harmonies, new contrasts and new combinations are but a part of the wave of change that is continually overtaking every sector of human endeavour. That Dr. Ramaswamy should have been re-elected President of the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 1972, was a fitting recognition of his meritorious services to that organisation.

As a true scion of the Chettinad family known for its acute business instinct, Dr. Ramaswamy has taken on onerous responsibilities either as Chairman or Managing Director or Director of several industrial establishments, organisations and enterprises. He is the Chairman of the South India Structural Corporation Ltd., Madras. He has been the Managing Director of the Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd., ever since its inception. He is a Director of M/s Madura Coats Ltd., Consolidated Coffee Ltd., Ponni Sugars and Chemicals Ltd., Kothari Orient Leasing and Finance Company Ltd., Chemfab Alkalis, Ltd., Grover Leasing Ltd., Indag Products Ltd., and Arrow Metalspin Ltd. As Managing Director, his policies have a visionary flavour. His way of handling financial and production problems testifies to his masterly comprehension of the complexities and intricacies of business and industry. His organisational perspicacity is seen in his getting together not only men, money and materials, but also in making the best use of them, especially the human element which constitutes the creative part of any enterprise. To Dr. Ramaswamy the heart of entrepreneurship lies in encouraging arrangements that bring closer men at all levels of business and production, and obliterating as far as possible the division that stems from different degrees of knowledge, experience and outlook. This is the only way, he says, to succeed in conditions where there is a panoply of controls and regulations framed by the Central and State Governments.

The Chettinad Cement Corporation Ltd., which was set up in 1962 and which owes its genesis to the entrepreneurial genius of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Founder-Chairman, is today considered to be one of the very few premier Cement companies in Tamil Nadu. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, one of the Founder Directors of the company, became its Joint Managing Director, the other Joint Managing Director being his own beloved elder brother Kumararajah M.A.M. Muthiah Chettiar. Visiting Europe in 1964, he went all out to buy the best of various machinery needed to make the Corporation work on sophisticated lines.

On becoming the Managing Director, he gave all his time and energy to the company so that its growth and expansion could be accelerated. Today the Chettinad Cement Corporation has markedly grown in size and production capacity, thanks to his careful planning spurred by his sense of go-aheadedness. Dr. Ramaswamy has built his thesis on the logical ground that every venture calls for shrewd perspective planning. He says that any work should be embarked upon only after due planning with a specific goal in veiw. It is just like playing a game like hockey. The goal-keeper, the full-backs, the half-backs, the centre-half, the centre-forward and the wings are there and the same principle in a much larger and wider sense should apply to any bigger undertaking. Dr. Ramaswamy looks upon hurdles as challenges to be surmounted with determination and courage. He attaches great value to open-mindedness. He cautions that managements should guard against obsolescence of the mind and should stay young in their sense of enterprise and alert in their thinking. Dr. Ramaswamy is certainly a gifted 'Organisation Man' with a pioneering passion for innovativeness.

While fortifying his natural talent for business and industry with the basics of management, he has not allowed himself to miss the thrills of sports. Tennis was his cup of tea during his college days. He was always in the forefront and carried off bagfuls of trophies in inter-State as well as inter-collegiate tennis competitions in which he participated. Next to tennis, the game that most attracted him was hockey and even to this day his passionate interest in it has not in the least cooled off. His acclaimed view is that hockey is our national game. It was during his Presidentship of the Indian Hockey Federation (1974-80) that the Indian Hockey Team hit international headlines by winning back the World Cup at Kuala Lumpur in 1975 and the Olympic Gold at Moscow in 1980. These two triumphs constitute the crowning glory of Dr. Ramaswamy's role as an ardent lover and liberal patron of sports. In fact, Thirumathi Indira Gandhi who was the then Prime Minister of India personally congratulated him on his stupendous achievement by providing the Indian players with the needed inspiring leadership that led to their spectacular victories. That he should have gifted from his own purse a sum of one lakh of rupees to the Indian Hockey team during the Bangkok Asiad speaks of the spontaneous affection with which he treated the players. Then again he is today the Patron-in-Chief of the Tamil Nadu Badminton Association, the Patron of the Tamil Nadu Football Association and Vice-President of the Tamil Nadu Golf Association.

Dedicated as Dr. Ramaswamy is to the cause of Indian sports, he is greatly concerned about the depths to which they have descended, for want of sustained encouragement, proper identification of the requirements, an agenda for action and its effective implementation. He is not happy that sports should be a peripheral activity tagged on to the coat-tails of educational institutions. He is against sports events being organised in a hotch-potch manner and conducted in a climate of disenchantment and demoralisation. His plea is that for renovation, restoration, and upgradation of sports in India, the Government Departments, both at the Centre and in the States, should in co-operation with Sports Associations and leading private sector undertakings play a

key role in promoting and developing sports through professional management of a high order coupled with the provision of adequate funds and infrastructural facilities. Now that a new Ministry for the promotion of sports has been created at the Centre and outstanding players in the field of sports are honoured with National Awards year after year, Dr. Ramaswamy is optimistic about our sports image getting refurbished and enhanced on appropriate lines in the years to come. He is an asset to the Sports Writers Club of which he is the Patron-in-Chief. His praiseworthy contribution to the enrichment of the world of sports was fittingly recognised when the Annamalai University conferred on him the Degree of D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 1979. In the citation referring to his many achievements, it is aptly observed thus: "Though young in age . . . . he has made a mark because of his background, dynamism and noble qualities. He is a man of action and a great sportsman known in the Sports World."

Dr. Ramaswamy's passion for horse racing and horse breeding is unequalled. His interest in horses began with his playing polo after leaving the college. Initiated into the realm of horse racing by his elder the Kumararajah Muthiah, his predilection for this sport grew over a period of time, and today he is regarded as one of the outstanding pillars of the Indian Racing Turf. He is by far the biggest individual owner of horses, and there is not a racing centre in India where he has not won a classic. With a string of more than 100 versatile horses he has become a legend so to speak by earning a lasting place in the Guinness Book of World Records as the unique winner of more than a hundred classics. His horses have won him laurels because he buys good one's and takes excellent care of them with an expert indepth knowledge of the game of racing. A.B. David, his trusted trainer has this to say: "Ramu is a rare owner. There is nothing about a horse which he does not know. Hard labour, intelligent thinking and resourceful planning account for his phenomenal success in racing." As a former Chairman and Senior Steward of the Madras Club and as a Member today of the Managing Committee of that body, Dr. Ramaswamy has made a most valuable contribution to the enrichment of the horse breeding industry. It has been aptly observed that if there is one man who can put horsemanship on the sporting map of India, and provide for its pursuit as a skill, providing thrill and excitement, that man is Dr. Ramaswamy.

The post of Sheriff, which is a highly esteemed honorary post is given by the Government to only such personages as have notably distinguished themselves in various walks of life. That Dr. Ramaswamy should have been called upon by the Government of Tamil Nadu to hold this post first in 1971, and then again in 1974, was an explicit acknowledgment of the innumerable services rendered by him for the promotion of civic life in the metropolitan city.

Dr. Ramaswamy, while being actively engrossed in the due discharge of his many responsibilities in business and industry, is devoutly religious. To him religion is an elevating and enlivening influence and in it he finds a rich store house which illuminates the mind and ennobles the heart. It is an article of faith for him and he firmly believes that it is

through prayers only that one can develop right attitudes and look upon the pride of victory, the despair of failure, the memory of past injuries and the fear of future dangers with a sense of equanimity. In this respect he is very much after his revered grandfather and father who in the richest tradition of the Nagarathar community had extended their princely donations for the building of new temples and religious institutions and renovation of old ones all over Tamil Nadu. It was given to Dr. Ramaswamy to raise a temple for Lord Ayyappa Swamy in Rajah Annamalaipuram, Madras - a temple that has now become the cynosure of Ayyappa devotees from all parts of the State. It was during his visit to Sabarimalai in 1974 to offer worship to Lord Ayyappa Swamy that he got the inspiration to construct a temple for him in Madras. The efforts made by him to fulfil his fond dream were fantastic, for the Ayyappa Swamy Shrine, built by him entirely with his resources on a site gifted by Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, his beloved father, is a marvellous replica of the Sabarimalai temple. Strictly adhering to every canon of *agama sastra* pertaining to temple construction, and attending impeccably to every detail, from the selection of the building materials to the making of the idol, he spent sleepless nights to see to it that the construction stood out as a model of perfection, and an acme of excellence. Rightly called the Vada Sabarimalai, the temple at Rajah Annamalaipuram today attracts thousands of pilgrims and devotees to whom the beautiful figure of Lord Ayyappa Swamy is spiritually enthralling and soul-lifting. Need it be said that by the above mentioned magnificent feat of religious fervour Dr. Ramaswamy has indeed placed posterity in eternal debt of gratitude to him. With him as the Founder Chairman, the Ayyappa Swamy Temple Trust is administering the shrine with thoughtful care and concern, performing regular pujahs and holding periodical festivals much to the delightful satisfaction of worshippers. The title Bhakta Bushanam bestowed on Dr. Ramaswamy by the Sringeri Sarada Peedam, in appreciation of his splendid service to religion, is a fitting accolade richly deserved by him.

Dr. Ramaswamy's time and resources were not confined to business, sports and religious service only. With the glowing example before him of the epoch-making contributions made to the promotion of education, Tamil literature, art and culture by his highly eminent grandfather and father whose qualities of head and heart he has undoubtedly inherited, he has been taking an abiding interest in education and educational management for over twenty five years now. To him, the piling up of a fortune is but subsidiary to a nobler aim, viz., making the blessings of education, particularly higher education, available to the aspiring youngsters from every stratum of society. This explains his close connection with the Gandhinagar Education Society of which his father Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar was the munificent Patron for over three decades. With the lavish funds provided by the Rajah Saheb, this Society has been running two Higher Secondary Schools (one for boys and the other for girls) in Rajah Annamalaipuram, two High Schools (one for boys and one for girls) in Gandhinagar, and also three Primary Schools in these two areas.

Dr. Ramaswamy has been an active member of the Indian Cultural Research Trust, the Tamil Nadu Educational Trust,

the Willingdon Charitable Trust and the Tamil, Sanskrit and other Languages Research Trust, Madras. His membership of the Pachaiyappa's Trust Board forms a purple patch in the annals of this charitable organisation inasmuch as it witnessed many significant improvements in the management and administration of the trust properties. The construction of the multi-storeyed building in Anna Salai which has today enriched the coffers of the Trust is his brain child. During his tenure, the Trust was able to successfully handle many tricky problems, thanks to his astute guidance, managerial skill and administrative dexterity. Burdened as it was with the weighty task of maintaining a number of Colleges and High Schools in Madras, Chidambaram, Kanchipuram and Cuddalore as well as administering religious charities, it steered clear of many financial bottlenecks, with Dr. Ramaswamy in the driver's seat. It must be said to his credit that the Chellammal Women's College in Madras, set up by the Pachaiyappa's Trust Board gained the status of a post-graudate institution with the M.A. degree course in Tamil to start with, owing to sustained initiative and efforts made by him.

Dr. Ramaswamy's interest in the growth, expansion and development of the Annamalai University has been not a whit less than that of his esteemed grandfather and father. During his lifetime, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the great founder of the University, the University attained attractive stature as, in the words of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru "a great seat of Tamil Culture and Tamil Learning together with science and modern knowledge." When Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar succeeded his father as Pro-Chancellor, he with his experience as a celebrated public figure, gave the University new dimensions and new goals. He maintained a fine balance between the Humanities and the Sciences, between teaching and research, between theoretical and practical studies. New Departments of Studies, a particularly in the domains of Agriculture, Engineering and Technology, Law, Distance Education and Medicine came to be added which embellished the image of the University admirably. With his wonted wisdom and foresight he encouraged his son Dr. Ramaswamy to acquaint himself with the functioning of the University by visiting it periodically in connection with some event or other. The latter took an active part along with the Rajah Saheb in the Silver Jubilee (1955) and Golden Jubilee (1979) Celebrations of the University. As President of the Indian Hockey Federation he addressed the University under the Presidentship of the then Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Chandrasekhar. Speaking on "Sport in India", he gave vent to his thoughts in such an outspoken, incisive and discussive manner that his presentation was warmly applauded as one of the most compendious and masterly speeches ever made on Indian sports. Thirumathi M.A.M. Ramaswamy who accompanied him gave away the prizes to the winners in the Intramural sports held on that occasion.

Another visit of Dr. Ramaswamy to the University was on 22nd February 1979 when he declared open the Kalai Arangam in the Engineering College campus, with Thiru Justice B.S. Somasundaram, Vice-Chancellor, presiding.

When the University was in the grip of an unhappy crisis in 1980 as a sequal to the pressing of certain demands by the

teaching and non-teaching staff, Dr. Ramaswamy stood by his father steadfastly and assisted him ably in extending due guidance and advice to the then Vice-Chancellor Prof. S.V. Chittibabu for resolving the ticklish issues amicably. There was grace, dignity and consideration in every gesture of his.

When in December 1983, the Association of Indian Universities held its 59th Annual Conference at Annamalainagar, accepting the invitation of the University, Dr. Ramaswamy represented the Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, who was at that time indisposed, and released some of the publications of the Association. His speech on that occasion was greatly appreciated, for it gave evidence of his intelligent grasp of the crucial role played by Universities in building national integration, productivity, secularism, socialism and scientific temper. His hosting a grand banquet for the visiting Vice-Chancellors gave them a taste of the royal hospitality of the Chettinad family.

It was in 1984 that Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar's health began to decline, though he courageously held on and his brilliant and eventful life came to an end on 12th May 1984, thereby closing an epoch-making chapter in the annals of the University. When the University was grief-stricken with his passing away, the Chancellor His Excellency Thiru S.L. Khurana on the advice of the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. M.G. Ramachandran, appointed Dr. Ramaswamy as Founder-Pro-Chancellor of the University, under Sec. 2(c) of the Annamalai University Act in succession to his revered father, on 1st June 1984. The University authorities naturally felt a sense of rejoicing over the appointment. In this connection the Syndicate passed the following resolution at its meeting held on 23rd June 1984.

> " The Syndicate is profoundly delighted over the appointment of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy as Founder-Pro-Chancellor by the Chancellor, His Excellency Thiru S.L. Khurana, in succession to his beloved father, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad. It deems it a privilege to extend to him its heartfelt greetings and felicitations on the coveted distinction conferred on him. It looks forward to yet another era of all-round growth and development of the University under his dynamic, inspiring and masterly guidance."

Ever since his assumption of the Pro-Chancellorship of the University, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy has shown that his mind and heart are set on adding a resplendent chapter to the long family record, more than a hundred years old, by his personal and princely gifts to all fine causes viz., promotion and fostering of ancient as well as modern learning, encouragement of art and literature, music and sports, and furthering of movements for social service and social advancement. His philanthropy has been indeed catholic in its range and fabulous in its quality. The interest he evinces and the dedication, zeal and loving care with which he looks-after the development and progress of the University in many fields of activity will be obvious to any visitor when he goes round its campus and sees the admirable advancement made in all branches of learning.

During the last five and half years of his Pro-Chancellorship, Dr. Ramaswamy has seen to it that an impressive variety of post-graduate and diploma courses have

been introduced, thereby indicating his pursuit of a vigorous policy of innovation, experimentation, dissemination and extension of learning and service. The most important among them are the M.A. courses in Development Studies, Applied Economics, M.Sc., courses in Bio-Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Coastal Aquaculture, Master of Computer Applications and Master of Library and Information Science course, Master of Dental Science courses in different specialities, B.Sc., Nursing and B.Pharm., courses, B.E. Computer Science, M.E. Geo-Technical Engineering and M.Sc. Agricultural Economics courses. Under Distance Education Scheme, courses in Banking Law and Practice, General Law, Energy Studies, Co-operative Management, Construction Management, Maintenance Management, Business Management, Materials Management, Production Management, Systems Analysis and Data Processing, Automobile Technology, Farm Equipment and Maintenance, Paddy Processing Technology, Reprography etc., have been offered so as to cater to the tastes and needs of the varying segments of student population. The Faculties of Arts, Science, Indian Languages, Engineering and Technology, Education, Fine Arts, Agriculture, Medicine and Dentistry, have all been strengthened with new Departments added to the already existing ones and each one of them has spectacular achievements to its credit. The University is really international with the students drawn from every part of India and from Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Singapore, Nigeria, Mauritius, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, U.S.A. and other countries. Because of the persistent efforts of Dr. Ramaswamy, the Directorate of Physical Education has burgeoned into a model one with a fully-equipped Research Laboratory and a Gymnasium, besides a most attractive Tennis complex. At his instance, the Directorate has been periodically conducting various Inter-Departmental and Inter-University tournaments and participating in national games and sports and also in All India Ranking Tournments in Tennis. He exults in motivating and encouraging outstanding sportsmen of the University by honouring them with cash awards as well as giving them special preference in the matter of admissions to professional courses like Medicine, Dentistry, Engineering, Agriculture and Business Administration. For instance, Thiru Ananda Natarajan now doing his B.Pharm. course has received the Pro-Chancellor's special commendation for his sterling performances in the recent Inter-University Athletic Competitions, the World University Meet at Teheran, and South Asian Athletic Meet at Islamabad.

Dr. Ramaswamy's most spectacular achievement is his fulfilment of the most cherished dream of his father Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, viz., the establishment of a Medical College. With volcanic energy and prodigious zeal, he went about the task and succeeded in starting the Medical College as a self-financing institution in August 1985, with an initial intake of 75 students which has since been increased to 125 in 1989-90. About 200 acres of additional land have been acquired to accommodate the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences, comprising the Medical and Dental Colleges, the Teaching Hospital, Hostels, Playgrounds and Quarters for all categories of staff. Eight Departments in various disciplines constitute the Institute

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy with Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi,
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

and it was due to his relentless efforts that the services of eminent Professors, well qualified Readers and Lecturers and duly trained Tutors, supported adequately by non-clinical and para-medical staff have been secured in good time for providing quality instruction and practical training to the medical and dental students. The imposing and magnificent building which houses the Institute has been constructed at a cost of about Rs.4 crores. And this was declared open by His Excellency the Rashtrapathi, Shri R. Venkataraman on 28th April 1988. A 300-bed Hospital equipped with a modern Operation Theatre, sophisticated surgical instruments and monitoring and intensive care units was commissioned by His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander Governor of Tamil Nadu on the same day. By using his good offices, Dr. Ramaswamy has secured the cooperation of the Chairman of the Neyveli Lignite Corporation who has been pleased to allow the students of the medical college to have their clinical training in their well-maintained hospital. The use of Government Hospitals at Chidambaram and Cuddalore has also been permitted by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Plans for a full-fledged Teaching Hospital providing 750 beds in the University campus itself have been drawn and construction work is in progress. In deference to the wishes of Dr. Ramaswamy, the South India Corporation, the Rani Meyyammai Achi Educational Trust and the Rajah Muthiah Educational Trust, all of which are functioning under his directorial control, built and gifted to the University two Hostels, one for men students and the other for women students of the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences.

Like his father, Dr. Ramaswamy has spared no pains in his encouragement of research and consultancy on innovative lines. The research activities in the various Departments of the University have been intensified and it is heartening to note that more than three hundred research scholars have so far been able to earn their M.Phil., and doctoral degrees. One commendable feature is the close and constant liaison which the Faculties of Science, Engineering and Technology and Agriculture have with industries in abundant measure by way of practical training and research. Several National Conferences, Seminars, Symposia, Workshops and Colloquia have been successfully organised by different Departments. The faculty members are liberally permitted to attend National and International Conferences and present their research papers. All these have been rendered possible because of the personal interest evinced by the Pro-Chancellor in such academic endeavours.

The growth and development of the Distance Education Wing of the University have been accelerated on the advice of Dr. Ramaswamy with the introduction of several job-oriented courses. The B.Ed., course which is the most popular one offered under Distance Education and availed of by thousands of students, is now made available to teachers in Gulf countries also. It is only the Annamalai University which has set up nine Study Centres in different parts of India and provided them with libraries and audio-video facilities which immensely benefit the wide-spread student clientele of Distance Education. The setting up of a big Printing Press with sophisticated machines and accessories has been able to meet the mounting needs of not only the Distance Education wing but also the Administration.

Improving student amenities, strengthening the National Service Scheme, enriching the Environment, implementing the Adult Education and Extension programmes enriching the University Library, expanding construction activities, widening roads, bettering water supply and electrical works — these have been some of the significant schemes operationalised under the direction and supervision of the Pro-Chancellor.

Dr. Ramaswamy is genuinely interested in the weal and welfare of the staff — teaching and non-teaching and as such he has been doing everything possible to maintain a healthy relation between the administration and the staff. He has been quick to redress their grievances, if any, and fulfil all their reasonable demands viz., improvement of their salary scales, enhancement of dearness allowances, leave travel concessions, pensionary benefits etc. Special mention needs to be made of (1) the implementation of the U.G.C. and A.I.C.T.E. scales of pay, (2) payment of arrears to the staff consequent on the adoption of the higher start of Rs.1,100/-, (3) increased dearness allowances to all the staff and pensioners as per Government Orders issued from time to time, (4) merit promotion of teachers, (5) liberalisation of 'on duty' leave, (6) sanction of interim relief, (7) revision of wages for the N.M.R. staff and the hostel employees, and (8) creation of several posts of Professors, Readers and Lecturers. In taking care of the larger interests of the staff and students with mature understanding, considerateness and a sense of discernment, Dr. Ramaswamy has undoubtedly proved his mettle that he is as deeply devoted and dedicated to the Annamalai University as his unforgettable grandfather and father and is determined to raise the stature of the University as a veritable mansion of ideas and idealism seeking and cultivating new knowledge, innovative skills and moral values, engaging itself energetically and fearlessly in the task of upholding truth and excellence and providing the right kind of leadership in all walks of life.

Dr. Ramaswamy's interest in the Tamil Isai Sangam has not a whit been affected by his being involved in the University and other varied activities. He plays a participatory role in the affairs of the Sangam both at Madras and Madurai. He got the statue of his father Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar recently installed within the precincts of the Rajah Muthiah Manram, Madurai and had it unveiled by no less a personage than the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Kalaignar Karunanidhi. He has a trained ear for music. To him the thought of, what Roman Rolland says, the eternal efflorescence of music is a comforting one and comes as a sweet messenger of peace in the midst of his multi-farious chores. He extends his fulsome support to musicians of renown, encourages research and arranges for the publication of musical treatises. Under his management the Rani Seethai Achi Hall situated at Gemini Corner in Anna Salai has become a popular centre for cultural activities like dramas, dance recitals and musical concerts. What is more, he has made it a nine-storeyed building, thereby making it a prominent landmark in Madras City.

So much of what is best in us is bound up in our love of family, and it remains the measure of our stability because it measures our sense of loyalty. In this respect Dr. Ramaswamy is one who loves and regards his family with an inward

feeling of personal devotion. He was a dutiful son to his father, whose words were a law unto him. He respected him so much that he deemed it a privilege to carry out his orders and wishes faithfully. His love for his elder brother, the late Kumara Rajah M.A.M. Muthiah, was unbounded, intense and deep. The qualities that endeared the Kumara Rajah to him as much as to others were his simplicity, accessibility, suavity and generosity. As a captain of industry, commerce and banking the former was known for his rare grasp of economic and financial problems. As a member of the Pachaiyappa's Trust Board he rendered meritorious service for its growth. He was a liberal patron of sporting and cultural activities. With dignity and poise he was wiser than his years. So when such a brother suddenly passed away at the premature age of forty, it gave Dr. Ramaswamy the shock of his life and caused him such irrepressible grief that it took many many years for him to overcome it. The one consolation he has now is that his sister-in-law Kumararani Meena Muthiah whom he respects greatly is there to give him valuable advice and wise guidance when needed. In this connection it needs to be said that the Kumararani herself, a graduate of the Madras University with a B.Ed. degree to boot, is devoting her thoughtful efforts, affluence and influence to the cause of education. Apart from being the Secretary-Correspondent of the Rani Meyyammai Achi Higher Secondary School for Girls, Rajah Annamalaipuram, she runs a model school named Chettinad Vidyashram with classes from the L.K.G. onwards. She is putting up an elegant building for housing the Vidyashram when it flowers into a full-fledged Matriculation School. She has set up an excellent "Chitrakootam" called the Kumararajah Muthiah School of Traditional Arts and Crafts which exhibits some of the rarest paintings of the Thanjavur style of art all collected by herself. She has an adopted son, Thiru M.A.M. Annamalai who has been given the responsibility to manage some of the business concerns of the Chettinad Family.

Dr. Ramaswamy is happily married to his uncle's daughter. Thirumathi Sigapi Ramaswamy a graduate of the Madras University is a lady of charming humility, with an alert mind, well informed and refined in her tastes. Not only as a devoted wife but also as a resourceful helpmate, she gives the home design, beauty and order and takes delight in discharging all the social obligations that devolve on her. One sees in her great simplicity and restraint in furnishings and ornaments, with skill in selection and arrangement. She is very much interested in education, particularly women's education. She helps her husband in ably administering the Rani Meyyammai Hostel for Women, which is situated opposite to the Ethiraj College for Women, Madras. Her zest for music and relish for art testify to her cultured attitude to life.

Dr. Ramaswamy has extensively travelled in Europe, the U.K. the U.S.A., Japan, Malaysia and several other countries. As such he has a cosmopolitan outlook and is conversant with the nuances of the varied cultures of the world. With his mental horizons widened, and his knowledge of the world around him deepened, he is gentle and soft-spoken without the touch of the theatrical. There is an old-world charm in the way he treats his friends and helps them in times of need without the ostentatious display of his bounteousness.

As President of the presitigious Cosmopolitan Club and the Presidency Club, Madras his esprit de corps is captivating. Whatever work he takes up is done with great zeal and finesse. His courtesy, bonhomie and entertaining disposition have secured for him a large and ever increasing circle of friends who belong to all parties, and all classes of people and are spread all over the country.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy speaks and conducts himself in a manner befitting the high status he enjoys in society. There is a stamp of authority in his utterance and he stands firm and does not brook indiscipline. But then he does not say anything despicable or vulgar to any kind of person. He has a penchant for minute details and will not take things for granted. One of his prominent characteristics is the meticulous thoroughness with which he plans and executes. His sportsman-like traits of character have endeared him to the young and old, the rich and poor alike and have made him simply adorable. His urbanity, physical stamina, intellectual robustness, emotional poise, religious zeal and above all, his 'never say die' attitude — qualities that have made him a master in the demanding art of management and organisation — equip him quite well for the noble mission of moulding and fashioning the destiny of the Annamalai University in such a way as to make it scale new heights of glory and distinction.

May it be given to the University to reap rich benefits by the golden counsel, purposeful guidance and insightful direction of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy for many many more years to come and stand out as a unique torch-bearer, radiating lustre, learning and love in this land of ours.

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Tributes to Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy

Hon'ble R. VENKATARAMAN

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy has distinguished himself in many walks of life. He is associated with Commerce and Industry as also with many public and charitable institutions in Tamil Nadu. He was conferred Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) by the Annamalai University for his outstanding contribution in the field of sports.

Dr. P.C. ALEXANDER

I have very pleasant memories of my associations with Annamalai University both as a member of the staff and research student. I also had the privilege of serving on the Senate and Academic Council of the University and knowing Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar personally over several years. I have no doubt that Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy will make valuable contributions to the all-round progress of the University following the traditions of his illustrious father and grandfather.

His Excellency Thiru P. RAMACHANDRAN

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is a distinguished personality, a man of many-sided achievements. His interests embrace almost the entire gamut of life, ranging from industry to sports, from commerce to administration, from culture to religion and from education to philanthropy.

Honour and recognition have come to Dr. Ramaswamy in abundance. The latest is his appointment as Founder Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. This elevation is at once a recognition of the role of Dr. Ramaswamy's family in building up an outstanding seat of higher learning and of his abiding interest in the advancement of education. Dr. Ramaswamy is indeed a worthy successor to two preceding generations who founded and presided over the destinies of the University.

Justice T. RAMAPRASADA RAO

Heritage, noble tradition and noble thoughtfulness are the three privileged qualifications of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy. He has rightly inherited these three tenets and knowing him we are all assured that in the sands of time to come he will imprint his footsteps thereon by making indelible impressions of progress in the educational field. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is fully conscious of his own "self effort" and his link with pure consciousness which is worshipped by him as the lasting basis of his being. Such constant remembrance of this truth recoups him often. His mind is saturated with the glory permeating the universe and it is such awareness which makes him free from all problems in life. Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy has nurtured in himself a willing mind which, as is said, is an inexhaustible vessel that is ever giving and never denying. He has striven hard, he has saved enough to be generous and charitable and he has served to the utmost. The noble maxim carved out in the Chettinad Palace, namely 'Strive, Save and Serve' has been fully and gloriously implemented by him.

Justice S. MOHAN

It was Longfellow who said: "Noble by birth and Nobler by greater deeds"

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy so well fits these words. In the field of sports he had enormous achievements. Single handedly he made the Indian Hockey Team to win the World Hockey Cup in Kuala Lumpur. As a Sheriff of Madras, he left an impressive record.

For three generations the Chettinad family has devoted itself to the cause of education. Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar was responsible for the edifice of this University, his illustrious son, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar saw to the glory of the University. I have not the slightest doubt, the equally illustrious Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy will carry the torch forward and make this University a place of light, learning and liberty.

Justice M.M. ISMAIL

I am familiar with the indefatigable energy and enormous enthusiasm of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and now that he has been appointed as Founder Pro-Chancellor of the University, I have no doubt in my mind that he will turn that energy and enthusiasm in the direction of further strengthening the solid foundation and the strong structure that has been built thereon, by his illustrious grandfather and father.

க. அன்பழகன்

தமிழ் நாட்டுக்கும், தமிழ் மக்களுக்கும் உரிமையுடைத்தாய், தமிழ் மொழிக்கும் – தமிழ் இசைக்கும் ஆற்றும் தொண்டினால் பெருமை பெற்றிலங்கும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் புரவலராகவும் – இணை வேந்தராகவும், எனது கெழுதகை நண்பர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள் ஆளுநரால் நியமனம் பெற்றிருப்பது அறிய மகிழ்கிறேன்.

இன்றைய புரவலரின் தந்தையும், அவர் தந்தையும் – இந்தப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தை வடிவு கொளச் செய்து வளர்த்திட்ட பெரும் புகழுக்குரியவர்கள். அந்த வழியில் வழிவழி வந்த வண்டமிழ்க் குடியினரான திரு எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களும் தொன்மையாய்த் தொடரும் புகழ் மேம்படவும், பல்லாற்றானும் பல்கலைக்கழகம் நாளும் ஓங்கி உயர்ந்திடவும் துணையாவார் என்பதில் ஐயமில்லை.

திரு. எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள், பல்வேறு நிலையங்களின் புரவலராகவும், பல்வேறு விளையாட்டு நிருவாகக் குழுக்களின் தலைவராகவும், அகில இந்திய அளவில் பேரும் புகழும் பெற்றிருப்பவர். அவரது அறிவும், ஆற்றலும், செல்வாக்கும் பல்கலைக் கழகத்திற்குக் கிடைத்திருப்பது வளர்ச்சிக்குத் துணையாவதாம்.

தமிழ் இசை வளர்த்து இசை மேம்பட்ட தமிழ்க்குடி வழி வந்த புரவலருக்கு எனது உளம் நிறைந்த நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள் உரியவாம்.

Prof. S.V. CHITTIBABU

Dr. M.A.M. has been an extraordinarily enthusiastic promoter of sports both at the State and National levels, leave alone his involvement in international sports organisations. His attachment to the turf for long and his winning more than hundred 'classics' in horse-racing deserve poetic panegyrics. It is the sportsman-like traits of character in him that have endeared him to the young and the old alike and have made him simply adorable.

Dr. M.A.M. is only too well aware that a new academic culture has emerged in the scenario of higher education today, a culture that is oriented to changed ways of working, loving and living and is getting accoutred to respond to the rhythms of tomorrow. And fortunately he has this physical stamina, intellectual grit, emotional poise, religious fervour and what is more, the spirit of humaneness and humanness needed to grapple with any problem however frightening or challenging and solve it with uncanny insight and an amazing

sense of discernment. We can hopefully look forward to his setting in motion, what Alvin Toffler refers to as the 'Third Wave' of adroit expansion and striking growth in the exploratory voyage of the University into the unchartered realms of ever widening thought and action.

டாக்டர் கே. வேங்கடசுப்பிரமணியம்

''திரு இராமசாமி அவர்களின் ஏற்றம் மக்களின் ஏற்றமாகப் பரிமளித்து இருக்கிறது. இதற்குக் காரணம் பல அல்ல. ஒன்றே ஒன்றுதான். மணிவாசகப் பெருமான் சித்தம் அழகியார் என்ற ஒரு சொல்லை எடுத்தாள்வர். முகம் அழகியவர்கள் பலர் இருக்கலாம். ஆடை அழகியவர்கள் பலர் இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் சித்தம் அழகியவர்கள் ஒருசிலர்தான். அந்தச் சித்தம் அழகியவர்களில் திரு. இராமசாமி அவர்களும் ஒருவர்.''

ச. இராமச்சந்திரன்

புகழ் பெற்ற டாக்டர் இராஜா சர் முத்தைய செட்டியார் அவர்களின் பல்வகைப் பொதுநலப்பணி எனும் சங்கிலித் தொடரின் இணைப்பாக. இணையற்று விளங்குபவர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள். தங்களது குடும்பத்திற்கு வழிவழியாக வந்து நிலவும் புகழினைப் பாதுகாக்கும் திறனும், பல்வேறு துறை அனுபவமும் இவருக்கு உண்டு. தமிழகத்திலுள்ள பல்வேறு பொதுநல நிறுவனங்களின் காவலராகவும், காப்பாளராகவும், இவர் இருந்து செயல்படுவதினால் அந்நிறுவனங்கள் வளர்ந்தோங்கி விளங்குகின்றன எனில் அது மிகையல்ல.

இரா. இராமகிருட்டினன்

''டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்களின் வெற்றிக்கு அடக்கம், பெருந் தன்மை, உழைப்பு ஆகியவையே காரணம் எனக் கூறுவேன். குறிப்பாகக் கொடை என்பது அவர் பிறவிக்குணம். பெருந்தன்மை பற்றிக் குறிப்பிடுகின்ற கார்டினல் என்னும் அறிஞரின் சிந்தனையை இங்கு நினைவுகூர்கிறேன். உண்மையான பண்பாளர் என்பவர் பிறர்க்கு ஈயும் பொழுதும் தாம் பெறுவதாக உணர்வர். அத்தகைய நற்பண்பு இவர்பால் இருப்பதை நான் பலமுறை கண்டிருக்கிறேன். கல்வித்துறையானாலும், தொழில் துறையானாலும், விளை யாட்டுத்துறையானாலும் எதனையுமே கருத்தோடு செய்யும் இயல்புள்ளவர் இவர்.

கம்பன் அடிப்பொடி சா. கணேசன்

திரு. எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமி அவர்கள் எதையும் சீரும் சிறப்புமாகப் படைக்கவேண்டும் என்ற ஆர்வமுள்ளவர். எம்பெருமான் கம்பன் கூறுவதைப் போலச் 'சிறியன சிந்தியா'ப் பெருவுள்ளம் படைத்தவர்.

Dr. JAGDISH NARAIN

The AIU is happy that Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy has assumed the office as Pro-Chancellor of the Annamalai University. The contributions of his illustrious father Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar are too well known. We are confident that under the dynamic leadership of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Annamalai University will make rapid strides as a centre of excellence in higher education and research.

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Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan
Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan is presently the Vice-Chancellor of the University. He was born on the 6th of March 1924. Securing his B.E. (Hons) Degree with flying colours from the **Annamalai University** in 1949, he went to Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, for his Post-graduate studies and research. He obtained the Diploma of this College, as well as the M.Sc. Engg. Degree of the London University. His thesis for the latter Degree, which received high commendation, was on Pre-stressed Beams, leading to his evolving an analytical equation, named after him. His undergoing special courses on Bridge-Design and Shell Structure in U.K. greatly enriched his professional competence. Many of his scientific papers presented at seminars and conferences on Material Technology and Pre-stressed Concrete Structures and on problems relating to Structural Engineering have since appeared in several national and international journals. Starting his teaching career as a Lecturer in Civil and Structural Engineering in his own Alma Mater, Prof. Sethunarayanan became a Reader, then a Professor, and finally the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology in a service-span of 37 years. In due regard and love for him, his old students spread all over the world, have honoured him by instituting an Endowment of Rs. 75,000/- in his name, on the occasion of his 61st Birthday Celebrations, to help poor and meritorious engineering students with awards of scholarships and prizes every year, at the University.

Under a project, sponsored by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India, Prof. Sethunarayanan, as Principal Investigator, devised a new process for the manufacture of low cost cementitious material from paddy husk and even constructed a model house for the Low Income Group using this product. As a follow-up of this successful effort, he is now engaged in research on **"Rural Housing."** He was the architect of the Material Testing, Soil Testing and Structures Laboratory of the University. Prof. Sethunarayanan was associated with the *Annamalai University Engg. & Technology Journal* for a number of years. As its Editor he enhanced the quality of its service. He was a source of inspiration for many of his students to earn their M.E. and Ph.D. Degrees. As Dean of Students' Welfare, Warden of the Engineering Hostels, Director of Youth Activities, Staff Adviser of the Social Service League and Member of the N.S.S. Advisory Committee, he was instrumental in channelling the interests and energies of students into meaningful and challenging pursuits.

The Vice-Chancellorship of Prof. Sethunarayanan has witnessed the inauguration of the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences, by His Excellency Thiru

R. Venkataraman, President of India, and the construction of the Medical College Hospital, two new Hostels for the Medical College students, the Golden Jubilee Administrative Block, new Staff Quarters and a new University Guest House for which his expert technical advice has been most valuable.

Prof. Sethunarayanan is widely travelled and the countries visited by him so far include Sri Lanka, Burma, South Africa, the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, the United States, Singapore and Malaysia.

Prof. Sethunarayanan is wisely guiding the University in its endeavours to meet the emerging changes and challenges of today in the realm of higher education.

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Former Vice-Chancellors

The Annamalai University enjoyed a very unique tradition and privilege. It has had a distinguished line of Vice-Chancellors, eminent men in their own right and invariably well-known orators in English, guiding the destinies of the University from its very inception.

Sir Samuel E. Runganadhan

M.A., I.E.S., D.Litt.

Vice Chancellor, 1929-1935

Sir Samuel E. Runganadhan was the first Vice Chancellor of the University, from 1929 to 1935. He was born on the 30th of December 1877, and was educated at the Presidency College, Madras. He entered the Indian Educational Service in 1921, and made a mark as a distinguished scholar and speaker. He was Professor of English at the Presidency College, Madras, before he assumed office as Vice Chancellor of Annamalai University in 1929. Sir Runganadhan represented the University at the Congress of the Universities of the Empire at Edinburgh in 1931. He was the Vice Chancellor of the University of Madras from 1937 to 1940, and was elected during this period as Chairman of the Indian Inter-University Board. Later, he became Adviser to the Secretary of State for India in U.K., and served in that capacity till 1943. Earlier, in 1942, he went to Canada as a Delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations. Soon after, he was chosen as the High Commissioner for India in London, and distinguished himself as a successful diplomat during World War II.

Sir Runganadhan led the Indian Delegation to the International Labour Conferences in Paris and Montreal, respectively in 1945 and 1946, and later in the same year to the Paris Peace Conference. Earlier in 1945, he was sent as the Indian Delegate to the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Organisation and again in 1946, to the general Assembly of the United Nations.

As the first Vice Chancellor, Sir Runganadhan saw to it that the Faculty of Arts and Languages was established on a firm footing and appointed eminent Professors and Faculty Members. During his period of office, a number of buildings like the Sastri Hall, the Administrative Buildings, the Guest House, and residential quarters for the Staff came up.

On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the University, in recognition of his long and distinguished service Sir. Runganadhan was honoured with a D.Litt Degree (Honoris Causa).

The Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri

P.C., C.H., LL.D.

Vice Chancellor, 1935-1940

The Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri succeeded Sir Samuel Runganadhan as Vice Chancellor, in 1935 and held that high office till 1940. He was born on the 22nd of September 1869, and was educated at the Government Arts College, Kumbakonam. He distinguished himself as a speaker and orthoepist in English, to the envy of many an Englishman, and was well known as the Headmaster of the Hindu High School, Triplicane, Madras. In 1907, he joined the Servants of India Society, founded by Gokhale, and succeeded to the Presidentship of the Society, from 1915 to 1927.

From 1913 to 1916, he was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council, and was later elected to the Imperial Legislative Council to represent Madras Presidency, for four years. He was a Member of the South Borough Committee, and gave evidence before the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Reform Bill of 1919. He represented India at the Imperial Conference, in 1921, and again at the meeting of the League of Nations in Geneva, and at the Washington Conference, on the reduction of naval armament. Soon after, he was appointed Privy Councillor. He was presented with the Freedom of the City of London.

As the representative of the Government of India, the Rt. Hon'ble Sastri toured the Dominions, in 1921. He delivered the Kanda Lectures at the Calcutta University on "The Rights and Duties of Indian Citizenship" which were later published.

The Rt. Hon'ble Sastri was to have been the first Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University, when it was founded in 1929. But in deference to Gandhiji's wishes, he accepted the post of the Agent General in South Africa. The meritorious service he rendered there to Indians had since become part of history. In 1929, he was appointed a Member of the Royal Commission on Labour. Six years later, he succeeded Sir Samuel Runganadhan as Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University and served till 1940.

As Vice Chancellor the Rt. Hon'ble Sastri used to teach every Friday English usage and pronunciation, to a large and enthusiastic gathering of both students and teachers. His distinguished pronunciation was a source of delight and inspiration to many, who aspired to learn public speaking. During his period of office, the Faculty of Science was established. Tamil, Tamil Music, and Sanskrit enjoyed pride of place, and scholars of repute were chosen to guide the destinies of these Departments of Study. A fine Guest House, a number of new hostel buildings and the Ladies Club and residential quarters for the Staff came into being.

The Rt. Hon'ble Sastri died on the 17th of March, 1946.

Sir Kurma Venkata Reddi Nayudu

Kt., K.C.I.E., D.Litt.

Vice Chancellor, 1940-1942

Sir K.V. Reddi Nayudu was the third Vice Chancellor of the University, from 1940 to 1942. He was born in 1875, and was educated at the Arts College, Rajahmundry, the Madras Christian College, and the Law College, Madras.

Sir K.V. Reddy led in 1919, the Non-Brahmin Deputation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Indian Constitutional Reforms. In 1920, he became a Member of the Imperial Legislative Council, and a Member of the Madras Legislative Council for six years from 1920. Between 1920 and 1923, he was also Minister for Agriculture in the Madras Government, during the first Diarchic Government, under the Montfort Act. He was a Member of the Senate of the University of Madras for a term, and was also on the Syndicate of the Andhra University. He was the Indian Delegate to the Assembly at Geneva, in 1928. He succeeded the Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri, as the Agent-General to the Government of India in South Africa.

Sir K.V. Reddi was appointed a Member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Madras, in 1936, and later, he was the Chief Minister of Madras in the Interim Ministry. He remained Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University until 1942, when his health failed. His office witnessed the holding of the *Tamil Isai* Conferences, in 1941, to focus attention on the importance and revival of *Tamil Isai.* which was so dear to the Founder.

Sir K.V. Reddi died on the 10th of September 1942.

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Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy

M.A., (Cantab.), Bar-at-Law, C.I.E., K.C.S.G.

Vice Chancellor, 1942-1948

Mr. M. Ruthnaswamy was born on the 15th of August 1885. After education at the St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirapalli, and Nizam's College, Hyderabad, he obtained his M.A. Degree from Downing College, Cambridge, and his Barrister's Degree from Gray's Inn, London.

Mr. Ruthnaswamy began as an Assistant Professor of English at Baroda College, and later came over to Madras. He joined the Pachaiyappa's College as Professor of History, and rose to become its Principal, from 1921 to 1927. During this period, he was chosen for sometime as a Councillor of the Madras Corporation and also as a Member of the Madras Legislative Council. He became the President of the Council for a year in 1925, and in 1927, a Member of the Central Legislative Assembly. For thirteen years (1930-42), he was a Member of the Madras Public Service Commission. He served the Indian Catholic Association of Madras as its President, and was invited to deliver the Sir William Meger Lectures for 1937 at the University of Madras. He was Vice-Chancellor of the Annamalai University for two terms, from 1942 to 1948.

Prof. Ruthnaswamy was a reputed scholar, a distinguished and a gifted after-dinner-speaker. He was listened to with great respect and admiration, both for the content of his lectures and for the impeccable way he spoke English. During his period of office, the Faculty of Engineering and Technology was formed. The Travancore and Sekkizhar Hostels, additions to the Physics and Chemistry laboratories, quarters for the Staff, and other new buildings came up. The pay scales for the teaching staff were revised. The Students' Union functioned on a free and fair basis, and served as a nursery for many talented orators to be produced from the University, who were successful later as Ministers and politicians.

After his retirement, Prof. Ruthnaswamy took up the editorship of *Democracy* and *Tamil Nadu*. He was a much respected Member of the Rajya Sabha. His selfless public-work was recognised by the award of a C.I.E. in 1930, a K.C.S.G. in 1937, and the conferment on him of the Padmabhushan title, in 1968. The Annamalai University warmly felicitated him on his 90th birthday, and remembered his services. He died in 1976 at the age of ninety one.

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Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam

M.A., Ph.D.(Lond.), D.I.C.

Vice Chancellor, 1948-1951

Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam succeeded Prof. Ruthnaswamy as Vice-Chancellor of the University in 1948, and held office till 1951. He was born on the 26th of August, 1893, and, he studied at the Hindu High School, Triplicane, and the Madras Christian College. He began his professional career at this college in 1916, as Lecturer in Zoology and served there till 1925. Later, he went to London for higher studies and research at the Imperial College of Science from where he took his Ph.D. Degree in 1927. He was appointed Professor of Zoology at the Presidency College, Madras of which he was also the Principal for two years from 1946.

Dr. Manavala Ramanujam was a Member of the Board of Studies in Zoology and Member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University till he was appointed Vice Chancellor in 1948.

Dr. Manavala Ramanujam, brought to bear upon the administration of the University his vision as a scholar-humanist-disciplinarian. He introduced many measures to enforce discipline in the hostels, and paid great attention to improving the quality of the teaching faculty. A number of new laboratories in the Engineering Department came into being. He stressed the importance of research in the University, and gave filip to it, especially in the Sciences. He laid out plans and obtained sanction from the Government for the underground drainage system. He caused the installation of a clock in the long vacant tower constructed for housing it. He died in May, 1982.

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Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chetty

B.A., B.L., D.Litt.

Vice Chancellor, 1951 - 1953

Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chetty was born on the 17th of October, 1892. After a brilliant educational career, and securing a degree in Law, he set up practice in Coimbatore, but soon giving up his practice, turned to politics and was elected Vice-Chairman of the Coimbatore Municipality. He later entered the Madras Legislative Council and subsequently became Parliamentary Secretary to the Rajah of Panagal for some time. He became a member of the Central Legislative Assembly in 1923, and distinguished himself as an effective speaker. He was returned with a huge majority to the Central Assembly, in 1925, with the support of the Swarajya party, and served as a whip, under the leadership of Motilal Nehru. Though young, he impressed every one as an able politician, and was elected to the Presidentship of the Assembly in 1933. He maintained the high traditions of this office, and distinguished himself by his fearless and impartial rulings. In 1934, he became the Dewan of Cochin where he introduced many reforms, the most notable among them was the establishment of an elected legislative assembly with a popular Ministry, the first of its kind in the State. He was also responsible for the creation of the Willingdon Island and the Cochin Harbour which brought prosperity to the State.

As one with a zeal for public work and a capacity for lucid exposition of international problems, Dr. Shanmukham Chetty was invited to lead the Purchase Mission of the Government of India. He created a great impact in Ottawa, and later he performed excellently well at the Monetary Conference, Bretton Woods. He was chosen by Prime Minister Nehru to be Free India's first Finance Minister, in 1947. He achieved a major success in settling the sterling balances. He relinquished his ministership in 1948.

In fulfilment of the desire of the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, his son, Dr. M.A.M. Muthiah Chettiar persuaded Dr. Shanmukham Chetty to accept the Vice Chancellorship of the University, as he was then free from the demands of official duties.

Dr. Shanmukham Chetty assumed office as Honorary Vice Chancellor, on the 20th of November 1951. With vision and wisdom, he introduced several reforms. He drew up schemes for building hostels and expanding accommodation for the Engineering and Technology Colleges. A Tamil scholar himself, he formed a new Department of Tamil Research, and took keen interest in the propagation of *Tamil Isai*. He encouraged the development of the Department of Agriculture. The Faculty of Science was formed during his period of Office. He made education free for the children of the members of the staff. He reorganised the Students' Union with a view to avoiding the unsavoury happenings, after the election of office bearers and thus discouraged the involvement of students in politics. As a wizard of finance, he ensured the consolidation of the University on a sound financial basis.

Dr. Shanmukham Chetty resigned his position in January 1953, owing to ill-health, and he died a year after.

Dr. Sir C.P. Ramswami Aiyar

K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., LL.D., D.Litt.

Vice Chancellor, 1953-1955 & 1962-1965

Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar had a unique record of public service spread over nearly half a century. After a brilliant academic career, he joined the Bar at Madras and very soon found himself at the top of the profession. He was elected a Fellow of the Madras University in 1912 and held the Fellowship for ten years. From 1914 to 1919 he was one of the trustees of the Pachaiyappa's Trust Board.

He became Dewan of Travancore in 1938. His term of office was marked by progress in the social, religious, industrial and political life of the State. The Temple-Entry Proclamation, inspired and issued by him, is a unique one in the history of our country. Industrial and technological developments were not only initiated but accomplished during his Dewanship of the State. He founded the University of Tranvancore.

In 1950, at the invitation of the British Council he visited several Universities of the United Kingdom; in the following year, he went to the United States as Visiting Professor at the Academy of Asian Studies in San Francisco. He also lectured in Universities such as Stanford, California, Oregon, Phoenix, Yale and Columbia. He took charge as Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University on 26th January 1953. Then new courses such as Ore-dressing, Drama, Painting and General Education, and Departments of Rural, Civic and Social Welfare, and Geology were started; and the Faculties of Education and Fine Arts were instituted. The Agricultural Department received further impetus.

In July 1954 Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar took up the additional responsibility of the Vice Chancellorship of the Benaras Hindu University.

Dr. C.P Ramaswami Aiyar's brilliance and reputation as scholar, speaker, administrator, statesman, lover of the Arts and world-traveller brought him back to the University for a second term of Vice Chancellorship, from November 1962 to March 1965.

During his period of office, both earlier and later, the University registered a phenomenal growth and progress. The Silver Jubilee was celebrated and a Special Convocation was held. The Rani Seethai Achi Hostel was inaugurated, and the Engineering and Technology Buildings were expanded. The P.E.N. Conference was held. The Variorum Edition of *Kambaramayanam* was begun. A separate building to house the Faculty of Education was constructed, and it was named after Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chetty. The drainage system for the campus was initiated.

Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar died in 1966.

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Mr. T.M. Narayanaswamy Pillai
M.A., B.L.,
Vice-Chancellor, 1955-1961

Mr. T.M. Narayanaswamy Pillai was born in the eighties of the nineteenth century. He lived a full and active life till his death in 1977, at the ripe age of 85. He had a remarkable administrative and public career as President of the Tiruchirappalli District Board, Chairman of the Tiruchi Municipality, Public Prosecutor, Government Pleader, President of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board, Chairman of the Madras Public Service Commission, Member of the Madras Legislative Council, President of the Tiruchi District Cooperative Central Bank, etc.

Soon after the Silver Jubilee of the University, Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai became Vice Chancellor and his period of six years was marked by several achievements. The Departments created in his regime included Linguistics, and Biology and also a full-fledged Department of Agriculture, and the Muthiah Polytechnic. The Faculty of Education was re-organised. A hostel for women was opened. The drainage system was fully commissioned. The Agriculture Farm, Sewage Farm and Orchards were laid out. The Central Instrumentation Laboratory was established. Many new laboratories in the Engineering Departments came into being.

Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai attended the Quinquennial Conference of the Common wealth Universities, in Montreal.

Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai took many steps to strengthen the Tamil Research Department and appointed an expert committee to advise it on the editing of *Kambaramayanam*. A large number of magnificent buildings came up during his regime. Large grants were received for various Departments from the U.G.C. and State Governments.

He was President of the *Tamil Isai Sangam*, Madras, for nearly a quarter of a century and took personal interest in its work. He was also a life-long and respected friend of the Founders Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, and Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar.

Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai's six years of Vice Chancellorship were happy and prosperous years for the University. In the field of finance, he had the golden touch, in intellectual matters a scholarly approach, and in human relations, the gift of understanding. His equable temper helped him to achieve an all round development of the University.

On the occasion of his *Sathabishekam*, on the 6th of September 1972, the Syndicate of the Annamalai University presented to him an Address of Felicitation.

Mr. Narayanaswamy Pillai died on the 23rd of May, 1977.

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Justice Mr. V. Subrahmanyam

Vice Chancellor, 1961 - 1962

Justice Mr. V. Subrahmanyam was born in 1900, in the Tirunelveli District. He graduated from the Presidency College, Madras, in 1919, and later took the Law Degree from the Law College. He was enrolled as an Advocate of the Madras High Court in 1922. He practised as a lawyer in Tirunelveli till 1927. He was also a member of the District Board, Tirunelveli. He entered the judicial service in 1927 and was successively District Munsif, Subordinate Judge, Principal Judge of the City Civil Court, District and Sessions Judge and Law Secretary to the Government of Madras. Later he was appointed a member of the All-India Railway Rates Tribunal and the Judge of the Madras High Court. On retirement from the Judiciary, he became a member of the Syndicate of the Annamalai University in 1960 and was appointed Vice Chancellor in May 1961. Mr. V. Subrahmanyam was a man of courage, conviction, determination and action. He was intolerant of indiscipline anywhere, and did not countenance ineptitude and indolence at any level. He took swift, firm and fair decisions as the Chief Executive of the University. He loved Tamil and had an abiding interest in the *Tirukkural.*

During Mr. Subrahmanyam's period of office, the Agriculture Department became a full-fledged Faculty offering a Degree Course in B.Sc. (Agriculture). The Engineering Faculty and Muthiah Polytechnic were further developed.

He died, while in Office, on October 24, 1962.

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Justice Mr. P. Chandra Reddy
Vice Chancellor, 1966-1968

Mr. Palagani Chandra Reddy was enrolled as an Advocate of the Madras High Court in August 1928, after obtaining his law degree from the Madras Law College.

He worked in the Chambers of Mr. P. Venkatramana Rao Naidu and was the Crown Prosecutor in 1946.

He was appointed a Judge of the Madras High Court of the composite State in 1949. When the Andhra Pradesh High Court was constituted in 1954, after the formation of the Andhra State, he was the seniormost Judge of that High Court, and became Chief Justice in June 1958.

Mr. Chandra Reddy acted as Governor of Andhra Pradesh in 1963 for a brief period.

In 1964, he was appointed Chief Justice of the Madras High Court. He acted as Governor of Tamilnadu on three occasions.

Soon after retirement in the middle of 1966, Mr. Chandra Reddy was appointed Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University. He held office with distinction for two years.

Mr. Reddy served on the Three-Member-Centre–State Relations Committee, set up by the Tamilnadu Government. He was also Chairman of the Society for Protection of Children, for four years (1960 1964).

Mr. Reddy wrote a book entitled "Commentary on Madras Hindu Religious Endowment Act."

As Vice Chancellor, Mr. Chandra Reddy showed deep concern for the welfare of the staff and students of the University. He initiated action for the implementation of the IV plan U.G.C Scales of pay, and for the construction of an additional hostel-block for the Engineering College. During his period of office, the Vice President, Mr. V.V. Giri visited the campus.

Mr. Chandra Reddy died on 7th October, 1976.

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Dr. S.P. Adinarayan

M.A. Ph.D.(Lond.)

Vice Chancellor, 1969-1975

Educated at the Madras Christian College, Madras, University College, London, and Magdalen College, Oxford, Dr. S.P. Adinarayan had a distinguished academic career. He took his Master's Degree in Psychology from the London University, studying and doing research under Dr. J.C. Flugel. Subsequently he took the M.Litt and Ph.D Degrees in Psychology from the University of Madras. He was the author of some well-known books. He was also a popular short-story writer. He was for some time Visiting Professor of Psychology in U.S.A. After serving in the Madras Christian College as Professor of Philosophy for a number of years, he joined the Annamalai University in 1957, as the Head of the Department of Philosophy. He was elected to the Syndicate the following year and soon after became the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. He acted as Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor during the Vice Chancellorship of Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar and Mr. P. Chandra Reddy, and was appointed Vice Chancellor in August 1969. He took a keen interest in the establishment and progress of psychological studies in India. He was Vice-Chancellor till August 13, 1975.

Dr. S.P. Adinarayan was a scholar, thinker, speaker and writer and a well-known teacher. During his term of office, several hostels like the Rani Meyyammai Achi Hostel, the Research Students Hostel, the Day Scholars' Building, Womens' Waiting Room, the Post-Graduates' Hostel were constructed. A large number of teachers were appointed and all the Faculties were strengthened. Additional blocks of buildings for the Humanities and the Sciences, and the Linguistics Building were constructed.

Dr. Adinarayan died on the 14th of December, 1982.

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Dr. S. Chandrasekhar

M.A., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Litt., M.D., D.H.L., LL.D.

Vice Chancellor, 1975-1978

Sripati Chandrasekhar, world renowned demographer and family planning specialist, born in 1918, was educated at the Madras Presidency College, London School of Economics, Columbia and New York Universities. He obtained his Ph.D. in Demography from the New York University in 1944. On returning to India in 1947, he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Economics, at Annamalai University. From Annamalai University he went to Paris where he was Director of Demographic Research for UNESCO.

In 1964, Dr. Chandrasekhar was elected to the Indian Parliament (Rajya Sabha), and in 1967 was appointed Minister of Health and Family Planning.

After resigning his ministerial position, Dr. Chandrasekhar became a Fellow at Beattelle "Think Tank" in Seattle, Washington, in 1971. He has lectured at conferences and universities in over 120 countries. He is a prolific author and a gifted speaker, and has written profusely on the population problem.

Dr. Chandrasekhar has delivered many endowment and special lectures. He is the recipient of various honours, including honorary doctorates and distinguished lectureships from Universities in the U.S. and India. He was awarded the Watumull Prize (Hawaii), the Kaufman Award (Canada) and the Margaret Sanger Gold Medal (USA) for leadership in population control. In his period, he introduced a post-graduate course in Business Management.

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Justice Mr. B.S. Somasundaram

B.A., B.L., D.Litt.

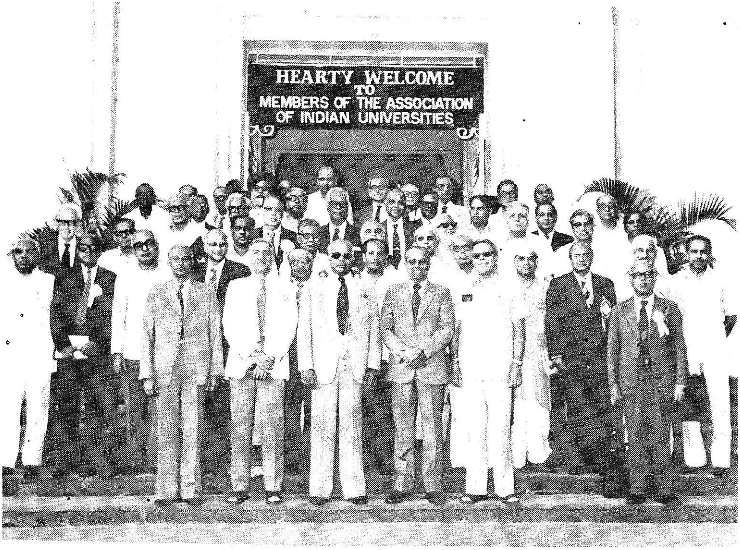
Vice Chancellor, 1978-1980

Born in the village of Batlagundu in Madurai district, Justice Mr. B.S. Somasundaram had his school education at the Board High School and collegiate education in the American College, Madurai, and later in the Presidency College, Madras. He took his Law degree from the Madras Law College and got himself enrolled as an advocate 1940. He was appointed Public Prosecutor the very same year, and later he was selected as District Munsif, in the year 1944. His experience in the judicial field for over 30 years found him holding different posts in the Judiciary, as Sub Judge, Member, Estates Abolition Tribunal, District Magistrate, District and Sessions Judge, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras, Member, Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, State Transport Appellate Tribunal, and Industrial Tribunal.

During the Chief Ministership of Dr. C.N. Annadurai, he was on the One-Man-Commission of Inquiry to investigate the Student-Busmen clash. He was also appointed the Special Tribunal to decide the dispute between labour and the management of "The Hindu." After having served as District and Sessions Judge in districts like Salem, Coimbatore and Ramanathapuram, he was elevated to the High Court in the year 1969 and he held that post till September 1974. He was appointed Member, the One-Man-Commission of Inquiry, to probe into the firing incidents in the City of Madras when Tmt. Indira Gandhi visited the City on 30th October 1977.

As a Member of the Syndicate of Annamalai University, Justice B.S. Somasundaram was responsible for the introduction of the Faculty of Law in the University. Justice Mr. B.S. Somasundaram became Vice Chancellor, on September 4, 1978. During his period of office, the Directorate of Distance Education was established, hostel for women students was constructed, and the golden jubilee was celebrated.

Justice B.S. Somasundaram died on the 6th of September 1984.



The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, with the Members of the Association of Indian Universities at a Conference in Annamalai Nagar in 1983

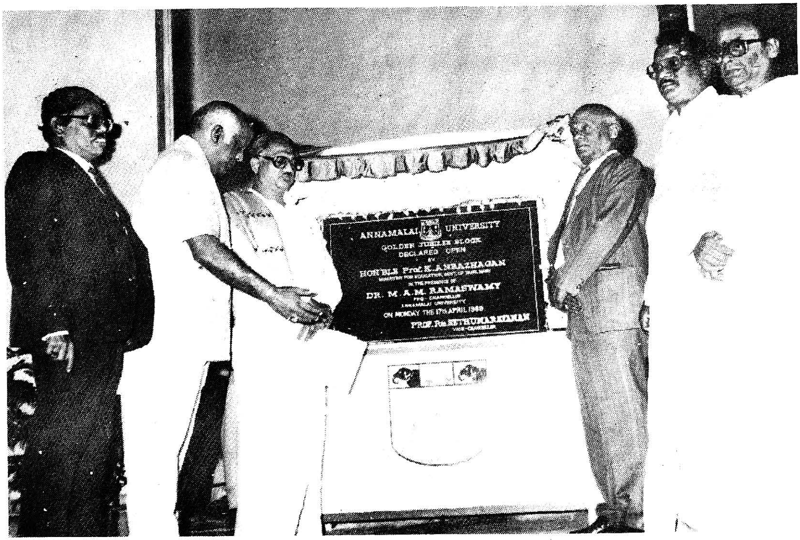
Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy addressing the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association of Indian Universities at Annamalai University in 1983.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy declaring open the Gymnastic Hall

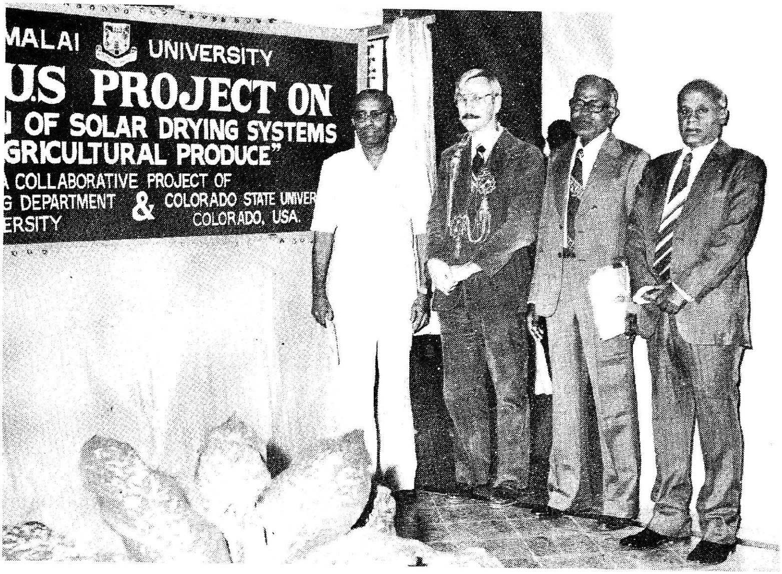
The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor watching a gymnast in action

Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy with his father before the coveted World Hockey Cup which India won

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy declaring open the Annamalainagar Study Centre at the Directorate of Distance Education. The Vice-Chancellor looks on



Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Hon'ble Minister for Education declaring open the Golden Jubilee Block. The Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor are also seen



Prof. S.V. Chittibabu, Dr. Charles C. Smith, Prof. VR. Muthuveerappan and Prof Rm. Sethunarayanan at the inauguration of the Indo-US Project on Solar Drying Systems.

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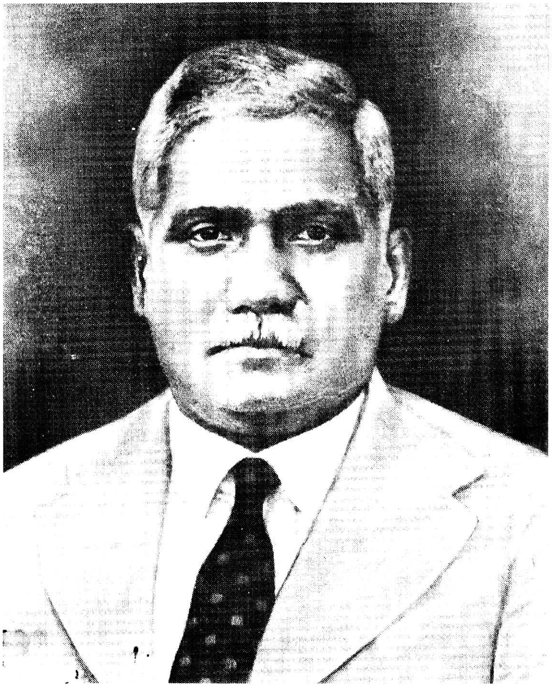

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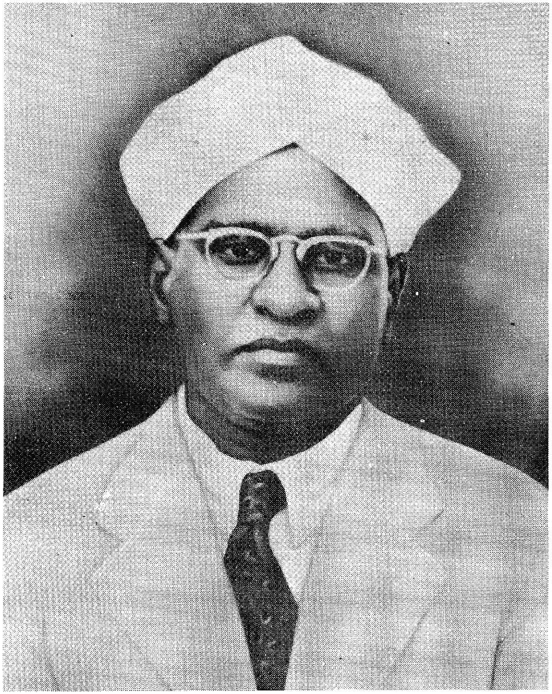

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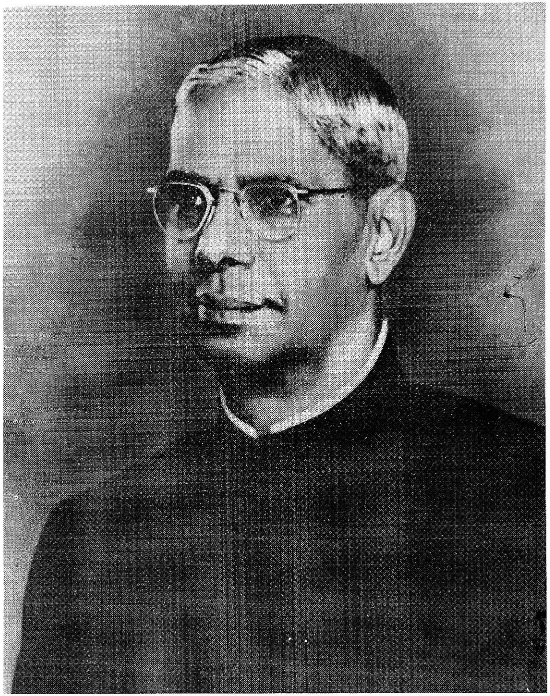

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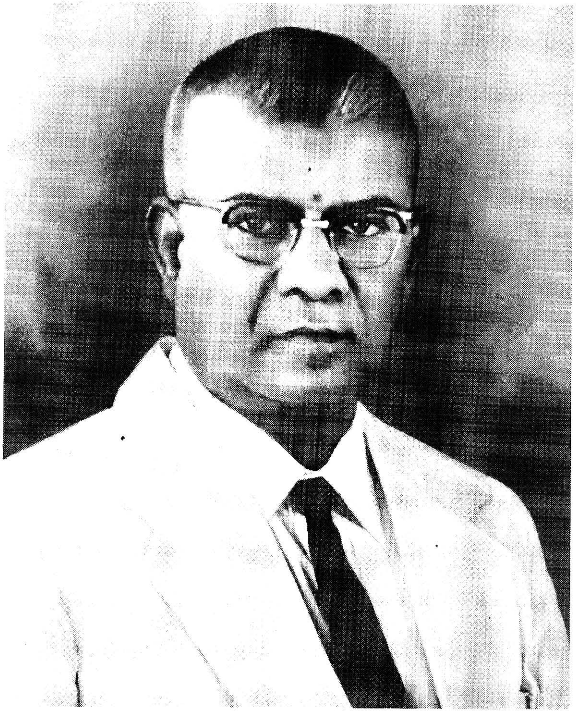

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Prof. S.V. Chittibabu receiving a memento from Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy on the occasion of the Youth Festival

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy presenting Trophies to Winners in the Youth Festival held at the University in 1986

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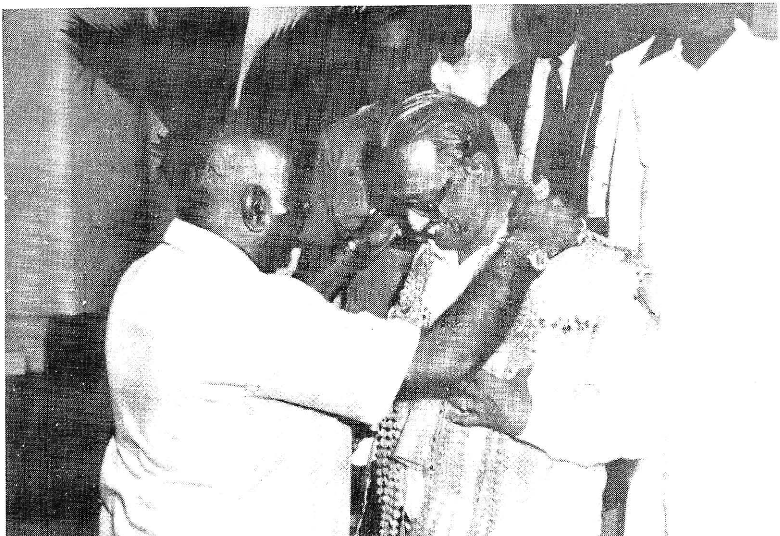

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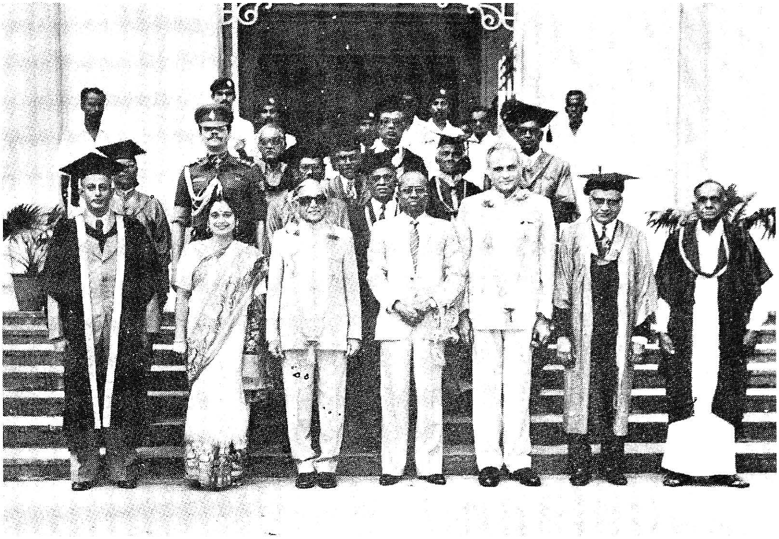

Dr. Syed Quasim, Secretary, Ocean Development Dept., Government of India, with the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Syndicate on the occasion of the Convocation

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy switching on the NEON Sign

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy declaring open the Tennis Court

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy speaking on the occasion of the inauguration of the Tennis Court Complex

Prof. S.V. Chittibabu

M.A., B.T., D.Litt.

Vice Chancellor, 1980-1986

Born on November 7, 1920, Prof. S.V. Chittibabu, had a brilliant school and college education in Madras. Starting as a Lecturer in History at the Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, and then a Research Fellow in History, at the University of Madras, Prof. Chittibabu became Professor of History and Politics in the Madras Educational Service, Principal, Government Training College, Vellore, Director of School Education, Tamil Nadu, Director of Collegiate Education, Tamil Nadu, Vice Chancellor of Madurai University, (Now Madurai Kamaraj University) and later, Annamalai University. Prof. Chittibabu was also a full-time Member of the State Planning Commission, and the State Chief Commissioner, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Tamil Nadu.

The various high offices that Prof. Chittibabu held had afforded him any number of opportunities to visit several countries and their Capitals. In the Sixties, he first went to the U.S. to study American Education, and then to the United Kingdom, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, and Singapore, to study Educational Organisation and Administration. As Vice Chancellor, he had participated in the Conferences of Commonwealth Universities, held in New Zealand, Hongkong, the United Kingdom and Malaysia. He had participated in the International Conference on Evaluation, held in Brazil in 1986, and presented a paper on "Emerging Trends in Evaluation Techniques."

Prof. Chittibabu's wide and varied experience, his international outlook and attitude, naturally found him sitting in many positions of honour, at the State and National levels.

Prof. Chittibabu has published extensively, on men and matters, educational and philosophic. He is a brilliant orator, both in English and Tamil. His impressive background and enviable attainments earned for him the Vice Chancellorship of the Annamalai University in 1980. He held office for two terms, from 1980 to 1986. During this period he streamlined the administration, established healthy official precedents and practices. Research enjoyed a special status and impetus.

Under the guidance of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Pro-Chancellor, he established the Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital in the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences. By virtue of his long service as Vice-Chancellor and as Educational Administrator, he was elected President of the Association of Indian Universities for the year 1984-85.

Prof. Chittibabu, as an educationist and administrator, carried out bold innovations and experiments in educational methodology and administration. As Vice Chancellor of Madurai University, initiated the Open University System in Tamil Nadu.

As Vice Chancellor of the Annamalai University, Prof. Chittibabu was instru-

mental in shedding the Under-Graduate Courses, and reshaping the University as a Centre wholly devoted to the promotion of Post Graduate learning and higher research. Quite a number of new and socially relevant courses of study were introduced, and Distance Education took a leap forward in more ways than one, during his period of office.

In recognition of his services to the cause of education, the Annamalai University conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Letters (*Honoris Causa*) in 1986.

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Annamalai University
Sixty Memorable Years
(1929-1989)

The Annamalai University was founded by the philanthropy and farsighted vision of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad. The philanthropy consisted in his donation of an astronomical sum of Rs. 20 lakhs to the then Government of Madras, for the establishment of the University, and his farsighted vision reflected itself in his choosing Chidambaram as the Seat of the University. He could have chosen his own native town, so dear to him, or neighbouring Madurai, so well-known from yore for its profound historical association with Tamil Culture and Learning, but characteristically chose Chidambaram, probably for two reasons — his pious devotion to Lord Nataraja, the presiding Deity at Chidambaram, and his passionate desire to uplift through education the people of this backward district of South Arcot. Also, Chidambaram was a place that attracted scholars and savants from far and near, for seeking eternal Truths. And then, this was also the place where Arjun did his penance. So, in every sense, the Guardian Spirit of Chidambaram, a holy and sanctified place, beckoned Sir Annamalai Chettiar to try out his ideals here.

First, the Founder bought extensive land, on the East of Chidambaram, for the establishment, after his heart, the Sri Meenakshi College in 1920, which offered Honours Courses in Arts, and Degree Courses in Science. As one with progressive ideas on education, he advocated both the study of the Sciences and traditional Cultures and Arts. He wished to seek a harmony between Oriental learning and the good life that scientific knowledge created. Thus, he also started the Sanskrit, Tamil and the Oriental Colleges and a Music College. All these put together formed the nucleus from which the University, named after the Founder, was born in 1929, by an Act of the Madras Legislature, called the Annamalai University Act of 1929.

The Annamalai University Bill was passed into law in an atmosphere of uniform appreciation and goodwill, and it was decided to open the University in July 1929. The Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council of the University began to function from the 6th of December, 1929. At the inauguration ceremony, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the Founder-Pro-Chancellor said:

"The University, owes its existence to two factors which, I shall, with your leave, detail here today. First and foremost is the hearty and enthusiastic response that the Government of Madras has been giving to endeavours

of private philanthropy, and secondly the desire of the eighteen millions of Tamil speaking people in this Presidency and abroad also, to nurture a Centre of learning, to give to the world the values of Tamil Learning, Literature and Culture."

Apart from bequeathing twenty lakhs of rupees, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar donated the buildings, class rooms, hostels, playgrounds and the library of the Sri Meenakshi College, and three hundred acres of land, to the University. Thus, from a College, the University became a unitary and residential seat of higher learning and research, sylvan in setting, rural in atmosphere, sequestered from the madding crowd, and eminently conducive to calm study, quiet enquiry and contemplation.

As Founder and Pro-Chancellor for 19 years, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar devoted all his loving care and attention to the growth and development of the University. First, the reclamation of the vast tract of uneven land, was a daunting and heart-breaking endeavour, but it engaged his pain-staking personal attention, and involved almost daily over-seeing for quite a period. Many buildings for Class Rooms, Departments of Studies, Administration, Residential Quarters, Guest House etc. came up under his meticulous supervision and guidance. He succeeded in securing the services of able and eminent men as Vice Chancellors. With equal care and judgement, he scouted for men of tried erudition, and hand-picked them for teaching at the University, and thus ensured early that the University was known for its academic excellence and quality.

During his period, the University made a characteristic progress as a Seat of Tamil Learning and Culture and as a Centre of Tamil Music. The Founder was deeply interested in Indian Music. One of his avowed aims was to provide for the teaching and development of Music, especially Tamil Music. The College of Music was established in 1929, and in fostering it, the Founder had the benefit of advice from famous musicians and patrons of music. Music Conferences were held from time to time, to popularise Tamil Music, and steps were taken to collect and publish all musical compositions in Tamil. The *Thamizh Isai* Movement received enormous support and encouragement from the Founder.

He also gave equal importance to the study of Tamil Language and Literature. Great Tamil Scholars headed the Department of Tamil and guided its destinies.

The Founder fostered studies in Science and Technology with equal devotion and emphasis. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology was started in 1945, as the second Engineering College in the State.

Thus, the period of office of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, as Founder-Pro-Chancellor, was an era of strengthening and consolidation of the University as a premier educational institution in the country.

After his passing away in 1948, the Founder's eldest son, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, who was already a well-known public-figure, became the Founder-Pro-Chancellor. He was not a stranger come to manage the affairs of the University. Ever since the idea of a University was born in the mind of his father, he acted as the "runner-boy"

between his father and the Government for the establishment of the University. With his rich and varied experience in public affairs, and in the manner of his father, he addressed himself to the ever-expanding and dynamic needs of the University, in keeping with the knowledge explosion of the times. New Departments of Studies in Agriculture and Commerce were established, and a number of endowments came into being. The Maharajah of Travancore made a gift of one lakh of rupees which was utilised for the construction of the Travancore Hostel for students of Engineering. Dr. RM. Alagappa Chettiar endowed Rs.5 lakhs for the "RM. Alagappa Chettiar Foundation for Technology." The Thiruppanandal Mutt gifted more than a lakh of rupees for the advancement of Tamil learning and Tamil Music.

The University passed through a significant milestone in its life. It completed twenty five years of its meritorious existence and so the Silver Jubilee was appropriately celebrated in February 1955. The Maharajah of Mysore presided over the celebrations. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar was the Vice Chancellor. The services of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar were gratefully remembered. Mr. C. Rajagopalachari summed them up thus:

> "The University which bears his father's name owes its continued progress not a little to Rajah Muthiah Chettiar's zeal and good judgement in securing the services of good and able Vice-Chancellors in unbroken succession."

With a view to serving the changing needs of society at large, other Departments of Studies in Business Administration and Health Sciences were established.

The starting of the Faculty of Medicine in 1980, with the Dental College and the Departments of Nursing and Pharmacy under its wings, was a cherished goal realized by the Pro-Chancellor.

The Directorate of Distance Education, established earlier as the Directorate of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, was yet another brain-child of his, serving the cause of education in our country and abroad through the offering of many professionally useful courses of study.

The Pro-Chancellorship of Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar for a period of 36 years saw the rapid growth and development of the University in all spheres of academic and intellectual activity. On the 6th December 1979, the Golden Jubilee of the University was celebrated on a grand note. The Jubilee was inaugurated by the President of India, His Excellency Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy. He unveiled a portrait of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and released a History of the University. Dr. M.G. Ramachandran the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu, delivered the Golden Jubilee Address and inaugurated the new Faculty of Medicine. The Governor of Tamilnadu and Chancellor, His Excellency Prabhudas Patwari, presided over the function. A Special Convocation was held for conferring D.Litt Degrees *(Honoris Causa)* on a number of distinguished persons.

In fitting tribute to the second Founding Father of the University, stands the imposing architectural construction, "The Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences", reminding every one of the ever-abiding humanitarian interest of this great man in the welfare of the people.

His brilliant and eventful life came to an end in May 1984, thus closing an epoch-making chapter in the annals of the University. On his death, his second son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the distinguished scion of the Chettinad family was nominated by the Chancellor to succeed his father, as the Founder Pro-Chancellor of the University.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, zealously continuing the great traditions of his father and grand father and at the same time, using his experience and expertise gained in various walks of life — as a skilled entrepreneur, astute industrialist, able business executive, versatile organiser, leading sportsman and patron of sports and as an ardent devotee of Lord Ayyappa-brings to bear upon the administration of the University, his many-sided personality, to take the University to greater heights of glory and fulfilment.

Soon after assumption of office, as Pro-Chancellor, he saw to it that the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences was established, with a well equipped Medical College and Hospital and also the Dental and Nursing Departments, under its wings. He is set to making this Institute a Centre of Excellence, with facilities for Post-Graduate Education and Research. He is also committed to seeing that the Institute renders excellent health-care service to the people at large in and around Chidambaram.

The Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences Building, an imposing and eye-catching architectural monument, was declared open by the President of India, His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman, a distinguished alumnus of the University. The Hospital complex, which will have 750 beds soon, was declared open by the Chancellor and Governor of Tamilnadu, His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, another distinguished alumnus of the University. The Pro-Chancellor has given handsome donations for the construction of Hostels for the Health Sciences Institute.

At the time of its inception, the University had only seven Departments of Studies, but now has forty five Departments under the Faculties of Arts, Science, Indian Languages, Engineering and Technology, Education, Fine Arts, Agriculture, Medicine and Dentistry. And these Departments are adequately staffed by high-calibre academics and specialists to take care of Post-Graduate Teaching and Research at all levels.

The Campus, now of more than 750 acres of land, accommodates all the Faculties, within easy distances, for effective administration and academic interaction.

A galaxy of distinguished Vice-Chancellors — accomplished men of standing and stature and enviable orators — have not only added charm and lusture to the office they held, but also ably guided the destinies of the University these sixty years.

The Annamalai University, from its inception, has been striving to maintain a good library. It has been expanding its collection, as well as its services, in tune with the expansion of several Faculties. It is the third biggest library in Tamilnadu, with a collection of nearly four lakhs books besides reports, palm-leaf manuscripts, rare books and other records. The library, originally housed in a part of the

Administrative Building, moved over to its spacious, specially designed building, in 1959. It is named after Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, a great administrator and former Vice-Chancellor. It is built on an area of 46,000 sq.ft. and is provided with a Lobby, spacious Central Reading Hall, Reference and Periodicals Hall. Open and Closed Access Stack Rooms, Administrative, Binding and Reprographic Sections. The library conducts a degree course in Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.L.I.S.) and Certificate course in Library Science (C.L.I.S) and a Certificate course in Reprography & Non-book Materials. It spends about Rs.15 lakhs a year on the purchase of books, journals and periodicals, adding at the rate of approximately 30 books a day. It has also a good collection of Government Documents, Technical Reports and Reviews, to support research activities. The library can boast of a good collection of rare back-volumes of periodicals, especially in the field of Indology. It has also basic collections of non-book materials like microfilms, microfiche, educational films, filmstrips, slides, gramophone records of Indian and Western Music, audio and video cassettes. Adequate staff have been appointed to look after the Library, to provide service to the readers and also reference service to the Research Scholars, which involves the concept of Current Awareness Service and Selective Dissemination of Information. It undertakes to procure from other libraries books not available in this library on an Inter-Library Loan. Reprographic services, document reproduction by xerox copying or photo copying, microfilming, slides preparation, and audio recording are offered at nominal rates to students.

Besides the Central Library, every department is provided with a library of its own, to give better and immediate service to staff and students.

The University's Publications Division, functioning from the year 1931, has published research volumes and other books of renown on a very wide range of subjects.

Special mention may be made of the Tamil translation of Kautilya's *Artha Sastra, History of Vaishanavism, Survey of Farm and Non-Farm Employment of South Arcot District,* and the Variorum Edition of *Kamba Ramayanam.* A series of publications on Tamil Music, a number of research dissertations and doctoral theses on Linguistics and dialectical studies and other subjects, the *History of the Cholas* and treasured treatises on Tamil Language and Literature, and on *Saiva Siddhanta, Panniru Thirumurai,* Saint Ramalinga's *magnum opus,* the *Thiru Arutpa,* along with scholarly annotations in Ten Volumes by Avvai Duraiswamy Pillai, and three volumes of *Siddhar Ilakkiam* by Mi. Pa. Somasundaram, and an English Translation of Dr. Ma. Po. Sivagnanam's *Vallalar Kanda Orumaippadu* as *The Universal Vision of Saint Ramalinga* by Dr. R. Ganapathy, have also been published.

All Special Lectures under different endowments by eminent scholars are printed and distributed free of cost.

The University has its own modern Offset Press with Photo-type setting facility. It is manned by competent personnel to take care of a large quantum of publishing work on behalf of the University.

In keeping with the avowed aims of the Founder, the Department of Tamil con-

tinues to devote itself to studies and research in Tamil Language and Culture. Its produces rare monographs on the Classics, on Tamil Music and has a Chair for the *Tirukkural.*

Similarly the Department of Music is devoted to the propagation of Tamil Music, in direct fulfilment of the Founder's wishes. The Music College, as an established institution, attracts students from far and near for the study of Vocal and Instrumental Music and Classical Dance, under great maestros.

Enthused by the present Pro-Chancellor who is a distinguished sportsman, the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences is doing exceedingly well in sports and games. It has a fully equipped Research Laboratory and Gymnasium, and a coveted Tennis Complex. The facilities offered, enable students to win laurels at State, National and International levels.

The Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology has been identified by the University Grants Commission under the COSIST programme, to receive special assistance for further research and development and to raise it to international standards of scientific excellence.

A prestigious Computer Centre, equipped with advanced and sophisticated systems, is now housed in a newly constructed separate three storeyed building. The Department of Computer Science and Engineering offers Courses in Computer Engineering and Computer Applications and a P.G. Diploma Course in Computer Science.

A Central Instrumentation and Services Laboratory, with very modern facilities serves the various Departments of the Science Faculty.

Separate Halls of Residence are provided for men and women. Nearly 5000 students live in these hostels, and a healthy and harmonious community life is learnt. Efforts are being made to improve the amenities in the Diamond Jubilee Year.

The University has established a rapport with the rural folk of this backward district of South Arcot, by extending to them know-how for their benefit. The Department of Agriculture has taught the farmers better farming methods, water management, pest control, etc.

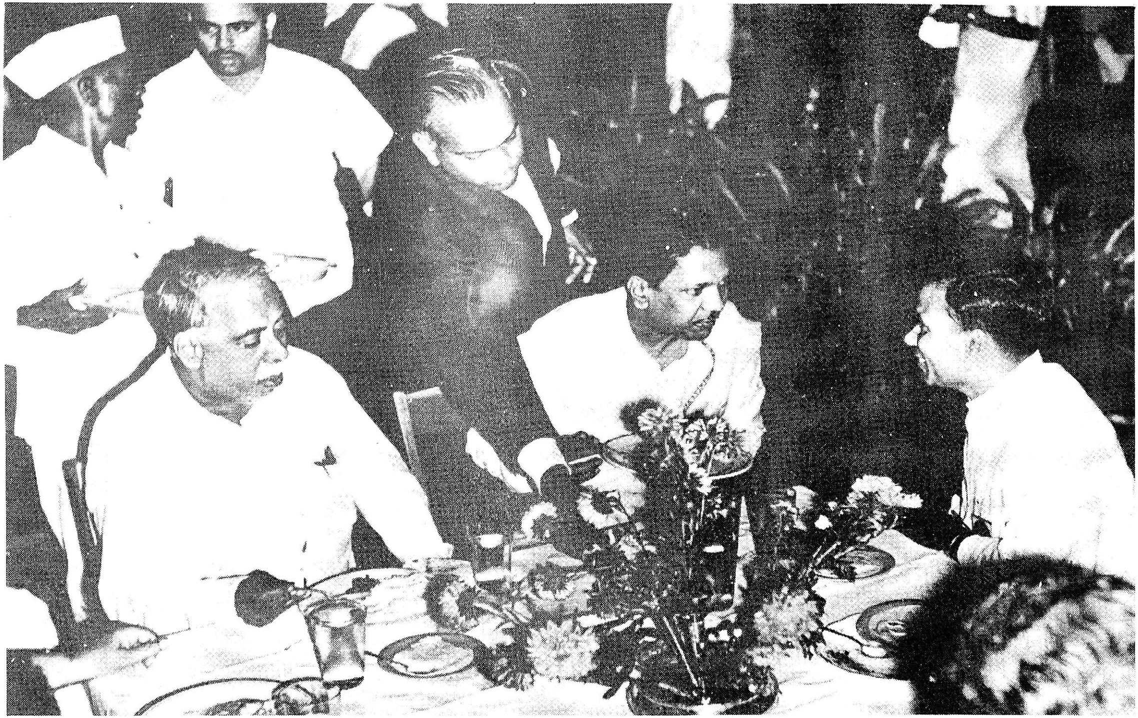
The Rice Centre has made innovations in modernizing Small Scale Rice Milling and Rice Processing, and propagates the advantages of modern techniques in this field to millers, technicians, and officials, and thus fulfils a very useful purpose.

The Centre for Adult Education and Extension functions viably in mass literacy programmes and vocational training. It has adopted a hundred villages for this purpose.

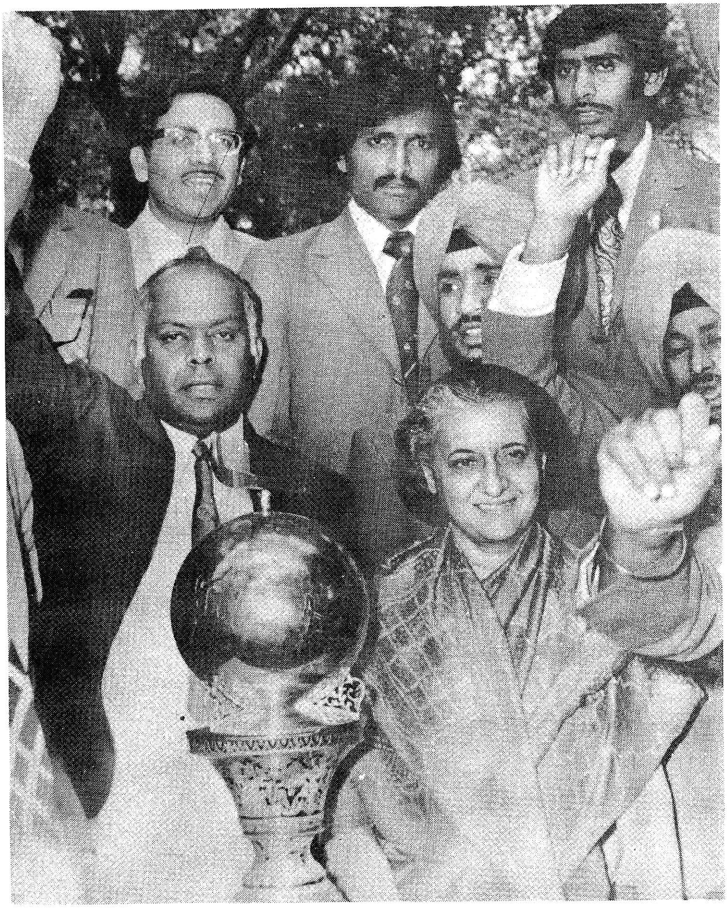
The National Service Scheme has amply served the rural community by organising integrated rural welfare camps for healthcare, adult education, social welfare and agricultural development and environment enrichment The two thousand strong NSS Unit of the University has been adjudged as one of the best in India.

The University has a long tradition of NCC activities, to make the youth physically fit, disciplined and be ever prepared

First Convocation 27th October 1931



Dr. C.N. Annadurai, with Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi at a banquet in Chettinad House. Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is also in the picture

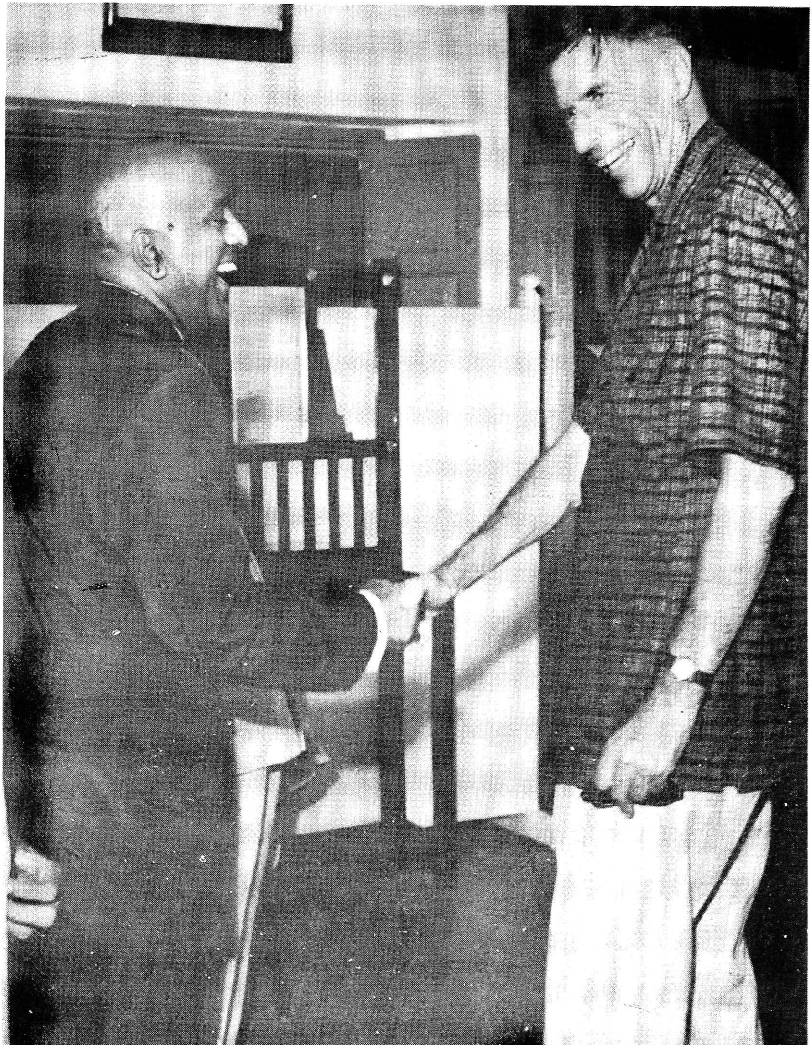


Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and the Victorious Indian Hockey Team with Srimathi Indira Gandhi. The World Cup is seen in the foreground.

International P.E.N. Conference, Annamalainagar, 1954 Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru with Governor Shri Sri Prakasa, Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Union Minister Sri T.T. Krishnamachari, Vice-President Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and others.

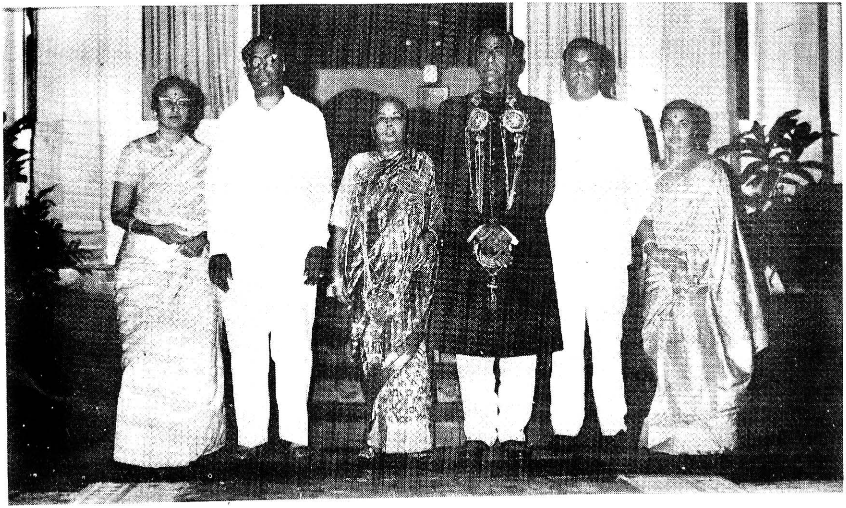
Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Feb. 9, 1955 The Dais.

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburg with Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Pro-Chancellor and Sir C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyar, Vice-Chancellor.



With the American Ambassador, Professor Galbraith at Annamalainagar.

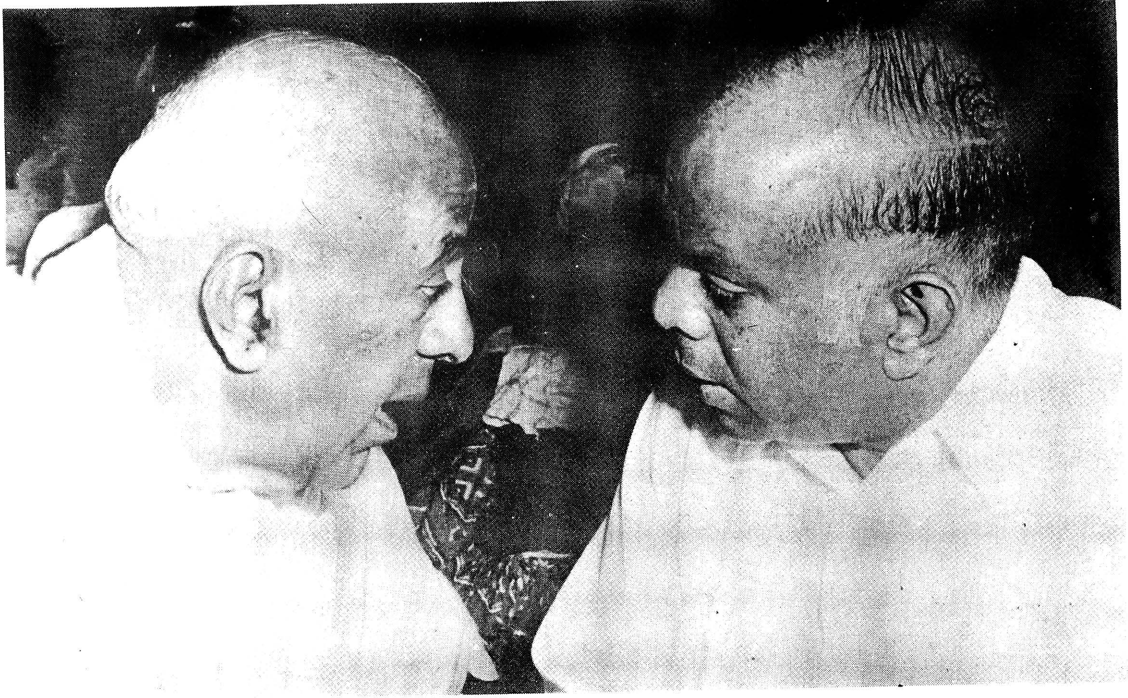
Dr. M.A.M. **Muthiah** Chettiar flanked by Dr. C.N. Annadurai
Dr. V.R. Nedunchezhian on his right, and Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy on his left



A Great Tradition: Rajah's Family

Kumararajah M.A.M. Muthiah Chettiar and his brother Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy on the occasion of the 61st Birthday Celebrations of their parents at a Chettinad Palace, 2nd August, 1965.

Rajah and Rani Lady Meyyammai Achi with Kumara Rani, Kumararajah, Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and Smt. Sigappi Ramaswamy at the Shashtiabdapurti function.



The father and the son in a Tete-à-tete

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy inaugurating the Annamalai University Press

The Governor of Kerala, with the Vice-Chancellor and the Delegates of the All India Sociological Conference, 1982

Prof. S.V. Chittibabu with His Excellency P. Ramachandran, Governor of Kerala at the 16th All India Sociological Conference, 1982

for the defence of the motherland. As smart cadets in Republic Day Contingents, they always acquitted themselves well, and in military craft and training as well.

The Students' Cultural Clubs and the Social Service League have helped to channelize youthful exuberance into constructive ways of fulfilment and service. The University had the privilege and honour of hosting the Zonal and National Youth Festivals successfully in the years 1985 and 1986.

A spacious Golden Jubilee Hall, as an annexe to the Administative Building now adorns the Campus as a new landmark.

The Directorate of Distance Education, formerly known as Directorate of Correspondence Courses and Continuing Education, was started in the Golden Jubilee year 1979 and it is now in its tenth year. It caters to a very large community of students through traditional and job oriented courses of study which are taken to the students homes for their personal enlightenment and career advancement. The Directorate has also established Study Centres in various cities, and they are equipped with good libraries, audio and video facilities, to answer to the needs of the Distance Education students. Courses leading to the award of B.Ed. and B.Com. degrees and Diploma in Law were introduced during the academic year 1979-80.

Subsequently, the following new courses were introduced by the Directorate.

1. Foundation Courses I & II year.
2. Degree courses in History, Sociology and English leading to B.A. Degree courses, B.Lit, in Tamil.
3. P.G. courses in Tamil, English, Psychology, History, Sociology, Economics leading to M.A. Degree.
4. Courses in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany leading to M.Sc. Degree.
5. Commerce courses leading to B.Com. and M.Com.
6. Bachelor Degree course in Legal Studies leading to B.A.L. and B.G.L.
7. Post-Graduate Diploma courses in Business Administration, Marketing Management, Financial Management, Management Laws, Diploma in Labour Laws and Administrative Law, Diploma in Company Law with Banking Law and Practice and Insurance Laws.

Realising the need for job-oriented courses, the Directorate started the following job-oriented courses from the year 1988.

a. Concrete Technology
b. Maintenance Engineering
c. Chemical Processes
d. Instrumentation Control
e. Certificate Course in Automobile Technology

Laboratories in Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany have been set up separately for the Distance Education students. Contact Seminars in Theory and Practical are compulsory for all Science, Management and Job-Oriented Courses and also for B.Ed. and M.Ed. The B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses of Annamalai University are very popular all over India due to the well designed curriculum and well organised teaching system. The Directorate is functioning in the new Rajah

Muthiah Building which has now an additional block.

Study Centres at Annamalainagar, Madras, New Delhi Vellore, Salem, Madurai, Trichy and Nagercoil are functioning very efficiently and rendering good service to the distance learners. The Study Centres are equipped with good libraries and Audio-Video aids. It is also proposed to organise Study Centres in places like Bangalore, Bombay, Hyderabad and Coimbatore. The strength of students at present is about 50,000. Teaching staff in the DDE number about 83. Besides the Core Staff, very eminent and experienced teachers are utilised as Resource Persons in Contact Seminars. The object of the Directorate is to take education to the home so that all those who desire to update their knowledge both for employment as well as for enlightenment can do so by studying at leisure.

The following new courses are now offered by the DDE:

1. M.Sc. Botany
2. B.A. Sociology (Tamil Medium)
3. Bachelor of General Law
4. Diploma in Concrete Technology & Design of Concrete Structure
5. Diploma in Chemical Process, Instrumentation and Control
6. Diploma in Energy Studies & Management
7. Diploma in Maintenance Management
8. Certificate in Automobile Technology
9. Certificate in Farm Equipment & Maintenance
10. Diploma in Construction Management
11. Diploma in Co-operative Management
12. Diploma in Banking
13. Certificate in Paddy Processing Technology & Rice Processing
14. Diploma in Systems Analysis and Data Processing

Within the past decade, the University has registered a phenomenal growth and expansion. The following new and socially relevant courses have been introduced:

1. M.A. Development Studies
2. M.A. Applied Economics
3. M.P.Ed. Summer Course
4. B.E. (Chemical) Part-time Degree course
5. B.Sc. (Nursing)
6. B.E. (Temple Architecture)
7. B.Pharm
8. B.P.Ed. Summer course
9. B.E. (Environmental Engineering)
10. M.Phil in Population Studies
11. M.Phil in Development Studies
12. M.Phil in Physical Education

Post M.Sc. Diploma course in Hydrogeology, Magnetic Science and Spectroscopy, and P.G. Diploma courses in Tourism, Archives Keeping, Corporate Secretaryship, Gandhian Thought, Ramalinga Philosophy, Econometrics, Translation, Administration Drafting and Reporting in Hindi, and one year Post-B.Sc. Diploma Courses in Computer Science and its Applications, Diploma in Pharmacy, P.G. Diploma in Banking Law and Practice and also Certificate courses in Cobol Programming and Data Processing, and in Reprography and Non-book Materials have been offered,thus giving the students opportunities to select their options and to find their direction for the future.

Such new Departments as the Departments of Agricultural Botany, Agronomy Agricultural Chemistry, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Microbiology, Entomology, Production Engineering, Computer Science, Pharmacy, Nursing, Statistics have been formed.

Within the recent past, the following new courses have been started.

1. M.Sc. Bio-Chemistry
2. M.Sc. Organic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry
3. M.Sc. Coastal Aquaculture
4. Sequential Programme in M.Phil.
5. Master of Library & Information Science
6. B.E. Computer Science
7. B.E. (Part-time) Mechanical & Production Engineering.
8. B.E. (Part-time) Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering.
9. M.E. Geo-Technical Engineering
10. Master of Computer Applications
11. M.Sc. Agricultural Economics
12. M.A. (Hindi Translation)
13. MDS in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
14. MDS in Pedodontia
15. MDS in Periodontia
16. MDS in Orthodontia
17. Certificate Course in Spoken English

"Optimisation of Solar Drying Systems, for Agriculture Produce" a three year bi-national project funded by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of India, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to the tune of 15.5 lakhs, was successfully completed by the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University in December 1984. The project, jointly executed by the Colorado State University, U.S.A. and the Annamalai University, had Dr. Charles C. Smith as the Principal Investigator on the American side, and Prof. VR. Muthuveerappan on the Indian Side.

The decade also saw a number of important National and International Conferences held at the University.

The recent past also witnessed a spurt in research activities and a number of Ph.Ds have been produced.

The University has also witnessed an unprecedented expansion of construction activities. The following buildings have been completed so far.

1. The Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences Building
2. Kumara Rajah Muthiah Hospital Complex
3. The Golden Jubilee Building
4. Quarters for the Teaching Staff (RMIHS)
5. Hostels for Men and Women Students (RMIHS)
6. Administrative Block for the Directorate of Distance Education
7. Engineering & Technology Block - Phases I & II
8. Computer Science Building
9. Additional Guest House
10. Men and Women Students' Hostel for Marine Biology, at Porto Novo
11. Boat Jetty for Marine Biology, Porto Novo.

Several Endowments have been established within the recent times. Special mention must be made of the donation of Rs.50 lakhs by the South India Corporation, Rani Meyyammai Achi Educational Trust and Rajah Muthiah Educational Trust, for the welfare schemes of the

University and also of a sum of Rs.10 lakhs by the Alumni of the Engineering and Technology Faculty for the construction of the Forty Year Saga Building.

From the funds provided by the various Banks, an environment enrichment programme for planting trees to enrich the environment and also beautify the Campus was launched. 250 protected saplings have so far been planted in the campus.

The roads on the Campus have been widened, strengthened and black-topped on a large scale.

An R.C.C. Over-Head Tank has been constructed and pipe lines have been renewed or improved. Water supply to the Campus has been vastly augmented with a number of bore-wells sunk, and pumps installed.

The University has enjoyed generous and sustained financial support and encouragement from the Government of India, the Government of Tamilnadu and the UGC all these years, to help it become a Centre of Excellence in many fields.

The University proudly stands at the threshold of its Diamond Jubilee in December 1989. The allround growth and development from its very inception, warms the cockles of our heart. The pioneering efforts of the Founding Father, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar have borne rich fruits and the University has opened up many vistas of knowledge, irresistibly attracting so many to come to it, for the adventure of conquering the unknown frontiers of the intellect and marching towards newer fulfilments of enlightenment and wisdom, after its motto, "With Courage and Faith."

And in this grand endeavour and enterprise, our present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, stands shoulder to shoulder with us, with fraternal love and affection, with earnest devotion and eager commitment, to proudly take the University to its Centenary.

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The Silver Jubilee Celebrations

February 9, 1955

An Account

The people of Tamilnadu will remember the glorious occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Annamalai University. In the twenth-five years from its inception in 1929, the University had grown from strength to strength, and fulfilled in a large measure the noble purpose for which this great institution was founded by the noble merchant-prince and philanthropist Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar. The Founder's munificent benefaction which made the establishment of the University possible has been substantially increased by his illustrious son, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, who watched over the University's growth and development with loving care.

Under his guidance a committee of influential Faculty members and the public known for their ability to plan and carry out important projects had been formed, and for months they had made elaborate arrangements to celebrate the Silver Jubilee in a fitting manner. On the great day a large number of distinguished guests poured in an endless stream by car, rail and bus and were warmly received by hundreds of selected volunteers and housed comfortably in various guest houses, hostels and private residences, both in Annamalainagar and in Chidambaram. Everyone of the guests was full of praise for the lavish hospitality, extended to them—a tradition for which the Rajah Saheb's family has been well-known for years. Annamalainagar was lit with flood lights and coloured lamps. Everywhere, soft music was played and brilliant fireworks lit up the sky, making the people believe they had been transported to fairyland.

The great day began with a bright sun pouring its beams on a happy gathering, now seated in a vast tastefully decorated "Kottagai", possibly the biggest South India had ever seen.

The celebrations began at 9 a.m. with the famous Vidwans T.N. Rajaratnam and P.S. Veerusami Pillai playing on the Nadaswaram many songs of devotion.

The Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and other authorities of the University received the chief guests, His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras and Chancellor of the University, His Highness Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, Rajpramukh of Mysore, the Hon'ble Sri K. Kamaraj, Chief Minister of Madras and Dr. Sir. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras. After inspecting the Guard of Honour presented by the N.C.C. Cadets, the Chancellor accompanied by the other distinguished guests was led to the beautifully decorated dais.

After the prayer by a group of women students from the Music College, the

Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, welcomed the gathering in an eloquent speech which was repeatedly cheered. He referred to the Chancellor's deep interest in the progress of education, he praised the Rajpramukh's love of democratic principles, and rightly called him one of the authentic voices of India from the philosophic and literary points of view; he praised the Vice-Chancellor of Madras as "a man of indefatigable and tireless energy, who has made a name not only in the field of medicine but in the field of education, peculiarly his own"; and he paid a tribute to the Chief Minister and Finance Minister of the Government of Madras and called them the foster-parents of the University. He acclaimed the philanthropy of the Founder and his illustrious son, and explained how the University had preserved the rich heritage of Tamil culture and at the same time promoted study and research in science and technology. He pointed out that the University provided for the intellectual as well as the spiritual needs of its students.

Messages and greetings received from eminent persons from India and abroad were then read out by Prof. R. Ramanujachari.

Then the Rajpramukh of Mysore delivered the Inaugural Address, in which he paid glorious tributes to the achievements of the University and the great services rendered to education by Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and his worthy son Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar. He hoped that wisdom and not knowledge would be the goal of Universities, and that the Annamalai University would strive to promote "a correct sense of values, a realisation of the true ends of human life, a comprehensive union, and above all an unfailing respect for goodness and virtue."

Next, the Chancellor of the University, the Governor of Madras, delivered his Address. The Chancellor paid glowing tributes to the vision and energy of the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, dwelt upon the special features of a residential University and expressed the hope that the graduates of the University 'would play their proper part in the days to come and always endeavour to keep the unity and liberty that have been won by us at last, inviolate for all time to come.'

Isai Arasu Dandapani Desikar sang laudatory verses composed for the occasion by Yogi Suddhananda Bharati.

The Chief Minister of Madras, the Hon'ble Mr. K. Kamaraj, declared open the newly built Rani Seethai Achi Hostel for students of Engineering and Technology.

After the singing of some more laudatory songs, Mr. K. Kanakaratnam, Minister of Education in Ceylon, felicitated the Pro-Chancellor on behalf of the Old Boys and Girls of the University hailing from Ceylon. The sentiments expressed by him found an answering echo in the heart of everyone present.

Then Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, delivered the Silver Jubilee Address in which he praised the achievements of the Annamalai University and stressed the significant role that Universities had to play in the life of the country. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar referred at length to the progress the University had made, guided as it was by a galaxy of distinguished Vice-Chancellors, paid a tribute to the foresight and wisdom of the Pro-Chancellor and pleaded eloquently for the imperative necessity of autonomy for Universities and freedom

from interference by Government and the public.

Then the Pro-Chancellor Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar proposed a vote of profound thanks in an emotion-choked voice. He thanked the Rajpramukh of Mysore for inaugurating the Silver Jubilee Celebrations and praised his Royal House for its patronage of arts and letters. He expressed the University's gratitude to His Excellency the Chancellor, Shri Sri Prakasa, for his inspiring address. He thanked the Hon'ble Thiru K. Kamaraj for opening the Rani Seethai Achi Hostel and Dr. Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar for his Silver Jubilee Address. He was full of praise for the University's distinguished Vice-Chancellors who had served the University with distinction, and to Rao Bahadur N. Viswanatha Aiyar, the first Registrar of the University, for his devoted service to the University. He ended his speech with the hope that the University would continue to have the good wishes of all people.

The morning's function came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

In the afternoon the Chancellor Shri Sri Prakasa laid the foundation stone of the Dr. C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Library, for which the U.G.C. had made a grant of Rs.9 lakhs.

At 4 p.m. a Special Convocation was held in the Srinivasa Sastri Hall, when the Degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) was conferred on the Rajpramukh of Mysore, a distinguished administrator and scholar, Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Vice-Chancellor, Sir Samuel Ebenezar Runganadhan, former Vice-Chancellor, Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras, and Sri S. Somasundara Bharathiar, former Professor of Tamil, Annamalai University. The same degree was also conferred on Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-President of the Indian Union, *in absentia.*

Next, the Pro-Chancellor gave a tea party to the distinguished gathering in the lovely lawns of the Oriental Gardens.

As dusk fell, the day was rounded off by a dance recital by the Travancore Sisters, which was felt by one and all to symbolise the close connection of this Temple of Learning with the nearby Temple of the Lord of the Cosmic Dance, Lord Nataraja.

The esteem in which the people of Tamil Nadu and elsewhere held the Annamalai University was proved by the fact that many newspapers in India, Malaysia and Ceylon brought out special Silver Jubilee Supplements on the day of the celebrations. The Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly adjourned on the day so as to enable its members to participate in the celebrations.

An attractive Silver Jubilee Souvenir, containing the speeches of the eminent men and pictures of important events in the University during the previous twenty-five years had been printed, and Sri A. Ramanatham Pillai, Deputy to the Vice-Chancellor presented the volume to the Rajpramukh of Mysore.

Two other books written by reputed scholars in their fields were released on the occasion. The first was a guide book to the University and to places of religious, historical and industrial importance in the neighbourhood called "Annamalai University and its Environs" by Mr. J.M. Somasundaram Pillai; and the second

was a kind of miracle play "Chidambaram-a Chronicle" by the well-known Indo-Anglian writer Sri K. Nagarajan of Pudukkottai.

The Old Boys of the University hailing from Ceylon had come in large numbers to participate in the celebrations and they presented an Address of Thanks to the Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, whose kindness and generosity had made it possible for them to study for higher degrees, especially in Tamil music and literature.

An anthology of laudatory songs on the Founder, Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, composed by eminent poets of Tamilnadu was also released on this occasion.

The celebrations continued for many days after the Silver Jubilee Day. A record of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, containing pictures taken on the occasion and speeches delivered by eminent men on the day was published shortly afterwards.

The Departments of the University had arranged exhibitions in which the latest apparatus and the findings of latest research projects were shown to the public, on whose insistent demand the exhibition was extended for many days.

A documentary film of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations was prepared by expert craftsmen and is preserved as a visual record of all the happenings on the historic day.

At Madras, Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar entertained the *elite* of the city and all those connected with the Annamalai University to a sumptuous tea. The tea-party was attended by a large and distinguished gathering which numbered over 3,000 and included Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, elder statesman, and the Hon. Thiru Kamaraj, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Two functions subsequently arranged to honour two eminent scholars who had brought fame to the University and enhanced its prestige deserve special mention. Sir S.E. Runganadhan, former Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University was felicitated at a separate function, under the presidency of the Pro-Chancellor.

Dr. S. Somasundara Bharathiar who had served as Professor of Tamil in the University was honoured at a specially arranged function, when the Pro-Chancellor presented him with a *Ponnadai* and praised his services to Tamil in highly eulogistic terms.

The Old Boys of the Annamalai University residing in New Delhi, Colombo, Kuala Lumpur and London held meetings at which they paid glorious tributes to the great work of the University, its illustrious Founder and his distinguished son.

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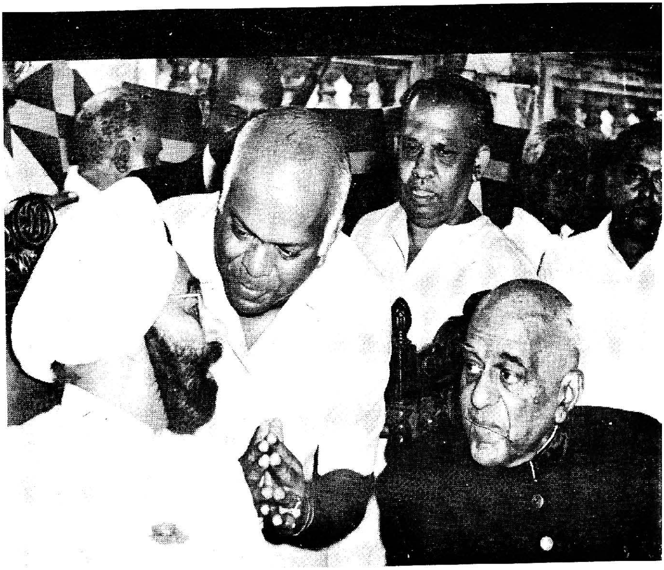
Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Pro-Chancellor, presenting a Founder's Plaque to His Excellency Neelam Sanjiva Reddi, President of India. His Excellency Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu happily looks on

The President of India flanked by the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations in 1979. Dr. M.G. Ramachandran is seen addressing the gathering.



Dr. M.A. Muthiah Chettiar with His Excellency Giani Zail Singh, President of India at the banquet in Chettinad House. Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy is seen greeting the President

Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and Rani Lady Meyyammai receiving Shri V.V. Giri at the palace.

The Golden Jubilee Celebrations
December 6, 1979
An Account

Befitting the momentous and memorable occasion of the Annamalai University completing fifty years of its existence, the Golden Jubilee was grandly celebrated, for three days, from the 6th to the 8th of December 1979. The Jubilee was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddi, the President of India, who had come over specially for the purpose. He was received by the Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, and the Vice-Chancellor, Justice Mr. B.S. Somasundaram. The President inspected a Guard of Honour presented by the University contingent of the National Cadet Corps.

The Pro-Chancellor, in his welcome, referred to the foundation of the University by his father and of how it had striven to "accomplish the purposes" which his father had held dear. He also referred to the succession of Vice-Chancellors who were men of standing and stature, to the devoted band of teachers, and to students who had boundless affection for their Alma Mater.

The President of India, in his Inaugural Address, referred to the Founder's mature and practical wisdom in establishing a University and the way it had grown from strength to strength over the years. The President further complimented the University on the contribution it had made to South Indian Studies, especially in Tamil language and literature.

The President then unveiled a portrait of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, and he also released a short history of the University, *Annamalai University 1929-1979*, written by Mr. K. Nagarajan.

Mr. M.G. Ramachandran, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, delivered the Golden Jubilee Address. He said that a vast number of young men and women passed out of this University and attained great distinctions in life, and thus justified the faith and vision of the honoured Founder. He exhorted the students to strive to attain national solidarity, aiming at unity in diversity. He also inaugurated the new Faculty of Medicine.

His Excellency Mr. Prabhudas Patwari, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University, paid rich tributes to the Founder Pro-Chancellors, and stressed the need "to re-organize the system of education on healthy lines so as to make it an effective instrument of national progress." He complimented the Teaching and the Administrative Staff for their sincere service to the University, and said that he, as the Chancellor of the University, was very proud of the students.

Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy released the Golden Jubilee Souvenir, Mr. C. Aranga

nayagam, the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, opened the Central Instrumentation and Services Laboratory Building. He expressed satisfaction at the good work done by the University and wished it greater successes in the days to come.

Mr. P. Sabhanayagam, I.A.S., Education Secretary, Government of India, opened the M.P. Damodaran Post-Graduate Education Building.

Foundation stones were laid for the following buildings by dignitaries as shown:

1. The Tamil Research Centre, by Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar.
2. The New Women Students' Hostel Building, by Mr. K. Manoharan, the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu.
3. The T.M. Narayanaswami Pillai Building, by Justice M.M. Ismail.
4. The Golden Jubilee Building, by Mr. B.S. Somasundaram.

A special Philatelic Album, to mark the Golden Jubilee of the University, was presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, by Mr. P.S. Raghavachari, Post Master General.

A special postal envelope was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He also laid the foundation stone of the Directorate of Distance Education Building.

The function came to a close, with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. S. Agesthialingom, Dean, Faculty of Indian Languages.

There was a luncheon in honour of the President.

The afternoon of the memorable day witnessed a Special Convocation for the conferment of Doctorate Degrees (*Honoris Causa*) on the following distinguished persons:

Justice Mr. V.R. Krishna Iyer
Dr. Ma.Po. Sivagnanam
Justice Mr. M.M. Ismail
Justice Mr. B.S. Somasundaram
Prof. G.R. Damodaran
Dr. V.Sp. Manickam
Mr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy
Justice Mr. S. Maharajan
Padmashri V. Vaidhyasubramanya Aiyar
Dr. T.P. Meenakshisundaram
Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam
Dr. S.P. Adinarayan
Mr. Madurai S. Somasundaram
Acharya J.B. Kripalani and
Dr. T.M.P. Mahadevan.

The evening witnessed a superb dance-recital by Dr. Padma Subramaniam.

On the eve of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, a symbolic torch-bearing contingent of fifty students arrived, marching all the way from Chettinad, the birth place of the Founder, to Annamalainagar, and that was yet another eye-catching scene to remember

The next day, namely, the 7th December 1979, was the Alumni Day. Mr. Justice V.R. Krishna Aiyar, of the Supreme Court, presided over the function and expressed his well-considered views on the public life of the country. He made a bold, at the same time, a thoughtful speech. A number of Alumni spoke, airing their views sincerely and often with a dash of humour.

In the afternoon of December 8, 1979, prizes were given away to the winners in

various Jubilee Competitions, by Mrs. Thangammal Somasundaram, the wife of the Vice-Chancellor.

The valedictory function was held in the evening. Dr. Ma.Po. Sivagnanam presided over and delivered the Valedictory Address. He wished the staff and students well, and exhorted the students to hold aloft the banner of the University and be an example and an inspiration to the future generations of students.

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, the Founder Pro-Chancellor, unveiled at this august function the portraits of seven previous Vice-Chancellors:

Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy
Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam
Mr. T.M. Narayanaswami Pillai
Mr. V. Subrahmanyam
Mr. P. Chandra Reddy
Dr. S.P. Adinarayan
Dr. S. Chandrasekhar.

Dr. C.N. Sambandam, Dean, Faculty of Arts, proposed a vote of thanks.

The curtain was brought down on the grand celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the University, with the singing of the National Anthem.

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வைரவிழா வாழ்த்துப்பாடல்கள்

கிருபானந்தவாரியார்
வாழ்த்து

நேரிசை வெண்பா

சாந்தஅண் ணாமலை சர்வகலா சாலையின்
வாய்ந்த வயிரவிழா மாண்புடனே – சேந்தன்
திருவருளால் ஓங்கியே சீர்சிறப் பெய்தி
ஒருமையுடன் வாழ்க உயர்ந்து.

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தவத்திரு குன்றக்குடி அடிகளார்
வாழ்த்து

ஆதர வற்ற மக்களை யெல்லாம்
அணைத்துயர்த் தும்மலை அண்ணாமலையே!
ஆதர வற்றவ ராய்ஏ ழைகளாய்
நின்று தவித்த மக்கள்பல் கலையும்
கற்றுத் தேற – கவலை யற்ற
வளம்நிறை வாழ்வில் தாம்கா லூன்ற
அண்ணா மலைப்பல் கலைக்கழ கத்தினைக்
கண்ட பெருந்தகை செட்டிநாட் டரசரைப்
போற்றிப் பண்பாடிப் புகழ்வோம் வாரீர்!
இயற்றி ஈட்டிக் காத்தசெல் வத்தின்
பயன்பா டிதுவெனப் பாங்குடன் கருதிக்
கலைக்கோயில் கண்டனர்! அக்கலைக் கோயிலை
இற்றைநாள் வரை ஏற்றுக்காத் துவரும்
இதய வேந்தர் இராம சாமி
அண்ணல் வாழ்க! அண் ணாமலைப்
பல்கலைக் கழகம் படர்ந்து வாழ்கவே!

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பேராசிரியர் லெ.ப.கரு. இராமநாதன் செட்டியார்

வைரவிழா வாழ்த்து

1. தென்னாட்டின் நிலையுயர மொழிவளர
மக்கள்நிலை செழிக்க எண்ணிப்
பன்னாட்டு மொழிகலைகள் பயிலும் பல்
கலைக்கழகம் படைத்துத் தம்பேர்
முன்னாட்டி நகரமைத்து முதற்பொருளும்
பெரிதுவைத்த முதன்மை யாளர்
எந்நாட்ட வரும்புகழும் எங்கள் அண்ணா
மலைவள்ளற்கு இணைவே றுண்டோ.

2. கற்றவர்க்கு நற்றுணையாய்த் தமிழ்இசையைக்
காப்பவராய்க் கனிந்த உள்ளம்
பெற்றவராய்த் தந்தையார் நிறுவியபல்
கலைக்கழகம் ஓங்கச் செய்யும்
கொற்றவராய்க் கொள்கையினிற் சிறிதளவும்
வழுவாத குணக்குன் றாகி
மற்றெவரும் பெறாத பெரு வாழ்வு பெற்றார்
முத்தையனார் சீர்த்தி வாழ்க.

3. அண்ணா மலை அரசர் அருள்மைந்தர்
அறம்வளர்த்த முத்தையவேள்
கண்ணான திருமகனார் அஞ்சாத
செயல்வீரர் கருணை வள்ளல்
அண்ணா மலைப்பல் கலைக்கழக
இணைவேந்தர் அறன்வளர்ச்சி
எண்ணாத நாளுண்டோ எம்.ஏ.எம்
இராமசாமி இனிது வாழ்க.

4. அண்ணா மலைப்பல் கலைக்கழகம்
அறுபதாம் ஆண்டு விழாக்
கொண்டாடும் இந்நாளில் கொடைவளத்தால்
நிறுவியவர் குலம்தழைக்க
எந்நாளும் இதன்உயர்வுக்கு உதவுகின்றோர்
உழைக்கின்றோர் மாணவர்கள்
தண்ணார்சிற் றம்பலத்தார் தம்மருளால்
வாழ்கவென வாழ்த்துகின்றேன்.

கவியரசு முடியரசன்

வாழும் அண்ணாமலை

ஈட்டுவதும் கூட்டுவதும் ஈட்டியதை
வகுப்பதுவும் இயல்பாற் செய்து
காட்டியஅண் ணாமலைமன் கருணையொடு
வாழ்ந்திருந்த கால மெல்லாம்
வேட்டெழுந்து தமிழ்மொழிக்கும் விளைபயனாம்
கல்விக்கும் வேண்டும் மட்டும்
நீட்டியதை நாடறியும் நிறைபுலவோர்
ஏடறியும் நெஞ்சும் சொல்லும்.

நெருஞ்சிபடர் வேட்களத்தை நிலமாக்கி,
நகராக்கி, நிலைத்து நிற்க
அருங்கலைகள் பலகெழுமும் கழகமென
ஒருகோயில் ஆக்கி வைத்து,
வரும்பொருளை அதுவளர வகுத்தளித்த
கையானை வைய மெல்லாம்
தரும்புகழாற் பொலிவானை தனியண்ணா
மலையானைத் தலைக்கொள் வோமே.

கலைமலிந்த தில்லையிலே கற்கோயில்
தமிழ்மன்னன் கண்டான் அன்று;
கலைபலவும் திகழ்கின்ற கலைக்கோயில்
ஒன்றின்று கண்டான் அண்ணா
மலையரசன் அதுகண்டு கூத்தரசன்
மனங்களித்து மன்றில் நின்று
கலையறிய ஆடுகிறான் என்றகவி
மணிமொழியைக் கருத்தில் வைப்பாம்.

நிலையாத உலகத்தில் நிலைத்தசெயல்
செய்தமையால் நெஞ்சந் தோறும்
சிலையாக நிற்கின்றான் சித்திரமாத்
தோன்றுகின்றான் செழுமை கொண்ட
மலையாக வாழ்கின்றான் கலையாக
வளர்கின்றான் மனத்துள் எண்ண
அலையாக அசைகின்றான் அரியணையா
நம்முளத்தை ஆக்கிக் கொண்டான்.

அரங்கிருக்கும் கடமிருக்கும் அருகிலிசைக்
கருவியெலாம் அமைந்தி ருக்கும்
சுரமிருக்கும் தோற்கருவி துணையிருக்கும்
குழுவொன்று சூழ்ந்தி ருக்கும்
நரம்பிழுக்க மூச்சடக்கி நடுவிருந்து
பாடுபவர் நாவ சைத்தால்
கரகரத்த குரலிருக்கும் தமிழ்மட்டும்
அங்கிருக்கக் கண்ட தில்லை.

தமிழ்நாட்டில் தமிழ்த்தெருவில் தமிழரிடை
இசையரங்கில் தமிழை நீக்கித்
திமிர்காட்டும் மனமுடையர் தேர்ந்தெடுத்துப்
பிறமொழியைத் திணிக்குங் காலை
சுமைதாங்கிக் கல்லாகச் சூடில்லாச்
சிலையாகச் சோர்ந்து நின்றோம்
அமிழ்தூ ட்டும் தமிழெங்கே? எனஅதட்ட
அறியாத ஆமை யானோம்.

அன்றுநமக் குணர்வூட்டி, ஆர்ப்பரிக்க
வழிகாட்டி அறிவா னாய்ந்து
நின்றுநமை நெறிப்படுத்தி நிலைத்திருந்த
வசைநீக்கி, நிமிர்ந்து நிற்கக்
குன்றெனவே நின்றானைக் குய்யமதை
வென்றானைக் கூடிப் பாடி
இன்றுமிவண் வாழ்வானை என்றுமுள
தென்றமிழால் ஏத்தி நிற்போம்.

திருவாட்டி சௌந்தரா கைலாசம்

வாழ்க அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம்!

திரைகடல் ஓடித் திரவியம் தேடி
வரையெனக் குவித்து வகுத்துக் காத்து
செய்வன யாவும் திருந்தவே செய்து
வையம் வியக்க வான்புகழ் கொண்ட
அண்ணா மலையார் அருமையும் பெருமையும்
எண்ணும் போதில் இதயம் இனித்திடும்!
உகப்போ டறங்கள் உலகில் புரியும்
நகரத் தார்குல நற்குடிப் பிறந்து
கல்விப் பணிக்கும் கடவுட் பணிக்கும்

தமிழண்ணல்
மதுரை காமராசர் பல்கலைக் கழகம்

அண்ணாமலை அரசர் அமைத்த கலைக்கோயில் என்றென்றும் வாழ்க இனிது!

பாலனாய் உள்நுழைந்து
பக்குவம் மிக்க நல்ல
சீலனாய் வெளிப்போதற்குச்
சிறந்தநற் கல்வி எல்லாம்
சாலவே அளிக்கும் **அண்ணா**
மலைப்பெயர்க் கழகந் தன்னைப்
போலவோர் கல்விக் கோயில்
புவியினில் கண்ட துண்டோ?

அமைதிகாத் தளிக்கும் கோயில்
அமைத்துநற் கல்வி தந்து
இமையெனக் காத்த ளிக்கும்
ஈடிலாக் கலையின் கோயில்
உமையொரு பாக னங்கே
உறைந்திடும் கோயில் சார்ந்து,
தமையடை வாரை எல்லாம்
தலைமைதந்து உயர்த்தும் கோயில்

அண்ணா மலைமன் உள்ளத்
தன்பினில் முகிழ்த்தே என்றும்
கண்ணென **முத்தைய வேள்**தன்
கருத்தினில் மலர்ந்து நன்மை
எண்ணிடும் **இராம சாமி**
இதயத்தில் கனிந்து யார்க்கும்
தண்ணளி செய்**அண் ணாமலைப்**
பல்கலைக் கழகம் வாழ்க!

மணிவிழாக் காணும் போதில்
மக்களுக் கேற்ற நல்ல
அணிசெயும் பொறியியல் மருத்து
வத்துடன் பற்பல கலைகள்
பணிசெயும் கல்வி யாவும்
படைத்திடும் பல்கலைக் கழகம்
தணிவிலாத் தமிழ்வழிக் கல்வி
தரவுமே வாழ்த்து கின்றேன்!

தமிழிசை போற்றிக் காத்துத்
தரணிக்கே உதவுமாப்போல்
தமிழ்மொழி வழியி னூடே
பயிற்றுதற் கேற்ற நன்மை
அமைவுறு திட்ட மெல்லாம்
தீட்டுக அயர்வே இன்றித்
தமிழ்வழிப் பாடம் சொல்லும்
தலைமையும் பெற்று வாழ்க!

கல்விக்கண் திறந்து வாழ்க்கை
கவினுறச் செய்து பண்பைப்
பல்வித மாக வூட்டிப்
பக்குவம் அளித்துப் பாரில்
எல்லையில் புகழைத் தந்தே
இளைஞரைத் தலைமை சான்ற
பல்துறை அறிஞ ராக்கும்
பல்கலைக் கழகம் வாழ்க!

பெருங்கவிக்கோ **வா. மு. சேதுராமன்**

வழிவழி வைரவிழா வாழ்த்து

எண்ணியெண் ணிப்பார்த்தே ஏரார் சிதம்பரத்தைப்
புண்ணியன் தேர்ந்தெடுத்த பொற்பென்னே! – அண்ணா
மலையன் செயலோ மலைக்க மலைக்கத்
தலைநட ராசன் தவம்!

திக்கெட்டும் எட்டும் திசையெல்லாம் தேடிவரும்
மக்கட்குக் கல்விஅளி மாத்தொண்டை – தக்கபடி
தென்தமிழ் நாடளித்த தென்றல் அண்ணாமலையன்
மன்னு புகழொன்றே மன்!

அரிமாவின் நோக்கும் அறிவின் முதிர்ச்சி
விரிமனச்செங் கோலாட்சி வெற்பன் – அரியபணி
நூறுபாரி வள்ளல்கள் நோன்பிருந்து கண்டபயன்
வீறுடை'அண் ணாமலையன்' வேந்து!

ஓங்கு பரம்பரை உள்ளொளிப் பேற்றாலே
வீங்குபுகழ் 'முத்தையா வேள்' மன்னர் – தாங்கிநின்று
அண்ணா மலைக் கழக ஆளுமை வரம்பெற்றார்
மண்பெற்ற சீர்தவத்தின் மாண்பு!

வையமுள எல்லா வளர்கலைகள் அத்தனையும்
கையகம் கண்டே கலை வளர்த்தார் — உய்யவே
பல்கலைச் சீர்கழகம் பாரெலாம் சேர்த்தபுகழ்
வல்லமை சொல்லடங்கா வாய்ப்பு!

வழிவழிமூ தாதையர் வான்செல்ல அன்னார்
வழிவழி மென்மேல் வளர்க்க — வழிவழியாய்
நல்லரசர் 'எம். ஏ. எம். ராமசாமி' வெல்வேந்தர்
வல்லாரோ வெல்லும் வரம்!

அண்ணா மலைப்பல் ஆன்றசீர் நற்கழகம்
கண்ணாய்க் கருத்தாய் கனித்தோப்பாய் — மண்ணுலகில்
ஊழிஊழிக் காலம் உயர்ந்தோங்க அம்பலம்தாள்
வாழிவாழி வைரவிழா வாழ்த்து!

டாக்டர் கவிஞர் **மன்னர் மன்னன்**

வயிரமுடி சூடுகின்றாள், வாழ்க!

அண்ணா மலையரசர் அருளும் பல் கலைச்செல்வி
அவர்மைந்தர் முத்தையர் அம் கைப் புறம் தவழ்ந்தே
எண்ணிலாப் புகழ்மணிகள் எழில்சொட்டப் பூண்கின்றாள்;
எழில்மங்கை பூரித்தாள் எம். இராமசாமி வளர்ப்பில்!
கண்ணாரக் கண்டுளத்தால் வாழ்த்துகிறோம், பல்லாண்டு!
கவினொளிசூழ் வயிரமுடி சூடிப்பொலிகின்றாள்!
நண்ணாத் துறையில்லை நவிலாத நூலில்லை
பண்ணாத தொண்டில்லை பயிலாத கல்வியிலை!
முன்னாளில் தோன்றியநம் முத்தமிழ் வித்தகியாள்
முதிய(ள்)இவ் அறுபதிலும் இளமை முறுக்குற்றாள்!
விண்ணார் புகழ்கொண்ட வெற்றிமகள் இவ்வையம்
வியக்கும் படித்தொண்டு செய்தே விளங்கிடுக!
பண்ணார் தமிழுக்கும் பைந்தமிழர் கலைகட்கும்
பயன்மிக்க நற்பணிகள் பண்ணிப் பொலிந்திடுக!
அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம், அருந்தமிழ்க்கே
ஆயிரம் நல்லாண்டு அணிசெய்து வாழியவே!

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புதுதில்லி

வாழ்த்தியல் துறை அகவல்

மழவ ரலைக்கும் முழைவாய்க் கல்லதர்
காவல் வேண்டுவிர் படைக்கலங் கொண்மென
குறிஞ்சிக் கோமுன் துணைவகுத் தாங்கு
யாணர்க் கழனி யமுனையங் கரையகம்
நகர்நடு வோங்கிய துகடீர் மாடத்துத்
தென்னர் வடவர் தில்லிவழி யோர்பலர்
பொல்லாக் குரம்பை அல்லலிற் பிணிப்புற்று
உலகியல் ஆற்றா ரவர்வயின் எழீஇ
வல்வினைத் துயர்தெற வேண்டுவீ ராயின்
எல்லா உயிரும் ஏமுறப் பேணிக்
கொல்லா நெறிகைக் கொண்மென ஊக்கும்
சொல்ல லானாச் சிவனடி யேத்திப்
பல்புல நல்லோர் வழுத்தக் காண்டிகும்
வள்ளல் நிறீஇய வடலூர்ச் சாலையொடு
பொன்றிகழ் மன்றகத் தில்லை நாப்பண்
அண்ணா மலைப்பே ரருங்கலைக் கழகம்
எந்நாட் டவரும் உய்யப்
பல்லாண் டுயர்ந்து பொலிகவா லெனவே.

கொல்லங்குடி உடையப்பன்

அரசர் முத்தையவேள் நினைவு வாழி!

வான்முட்டும் கோபுரங்கள் வடிவுயர்ந்த
முத்தைய வேள் வளமை காட்டும்
வான் சொட்டும் மழைநீரும் வழங்கி வளர்
நீள் கரத்தை வணங்கிப் போற்றும்
தேன் சொட்டும் விருந்தளித்துத் தினம் வருவார்
தேவையெல்லாம் தெரிந்த ளித்தே
ஆன்றோர்கள் அகமனைத்தும் ஆண்டிருந்த
அரசர்தம் அறங்கள் வாழி!

எண்ணியெண்ணி இரவு பகல் ஓயாமல்
எண்ணரிய பணிகள் செய்தார்
எண்ணி யெண்ணிச் சேர்த்த பொருள் பயனேதும்
எண்ணாமல் அள்ளி யீந்தார்
பண்ணுடனே நுண்ணறிவும் பல்கலையும்
பயிற்றுவித்தார் பல்துறையும்
மண்ணெலாம் அண்ணாம்லையர் முன்னேற
மகிழ்ந்திருந்த மன்னர் வாழி!

களித்து நடம் புரிசிவனின் கலைசிறக்கக்
கள்ளூறக் கவிம ணக்க
வளர்த்து, தமிழ்ப் பண்ணிசைத்தார்; வலுவாக
இந்தியிங்கே வந்த போதே
உளங்கொதித்தார்; ஊர்கூட்டி எதிர்த்து நின்றார்;
உயிராகத் தமிழ் வளர்த்தார்
விளங்கு புகழ் அறிஞரெல்லாம் வியந்துபுகழ்
வேந்தர்தம் நினைவு வாழி!

அன்புடனே அரவணைத்துப் பகைவரையும்
அடிமை கொளும் அருள் மனத்தார்
அன்றலர்ந்த மலராக யார் வரினும்
வரவேற்று விருந்த ளித்து
நன்றுதவி வழியனுப்பும் நாகரிகம்
கண்டவர்கள் நானி லத்தில்
இன்னுமொரு முத்தையா பிறப்பாரோ?
என வியப்பார்; ஏங்கி நிற்பார்!

சென்னை முதல் தலைமகனாய்ச் சிறந்தகல்வி
நல்லமைச்சாய்க் கலைவளர்க்கும்
தன்னிகரில் இணைவேந்தாய் தமிழினத்தின்
தலைவருமாய் தந்து தந்து
தன்னிலத்தார் நலம் காத்து மன்னராகித்
தன்னலமற்ற தொணடராகி
இந்நிலத்தில் என்ன பணி விட்டுவைத்தார்?
இமயம்போல் நிலைத்தார் வாழி!

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பொன்விழா வாழ்த்துப்பாடல்கள்

சரித்திரம் படைத்த பல்கலைக் கழகம்

கவிஞர் கண்ணதாசன்

1. திரைகடல் ஓடி னாலும்
சிறந்ததோர் தொழில்செய் தாலும்
வரையிலாப் பொருள்சேர்க் கின்ற
வளமான திறமை ஒன்று!
கரையிலா தததனைச் சேர்த்துக்
கணக்குடன் வைப்ப தொன்று!
நிறைவுடன் செலவு செய்யும்
நிகரிலாத் திறமை ஒன்று!

2. மூன்றையும் முறையாய்ப் பெற்ற
முன்னவர் அரசர் நாட்டில்
ஆன்றவிந் தடங்கி வாழ்ந்த
அண்ணா மலைதம் கையால்
ஈன்றதோர் பொருளி னாலே
இயங்கிடும் கழகம் இன்று
சான்றோர்கள் பலரைத் தந்து
சரித்திரம் படைத்த தம்மா!

3. பொன்விழாக் காணு கின்ற
புகழ்பெறு கழகம் என்றும்
நன்மக்கள் மாண வர்கள்
நல்லறி வாளர் பல்லோர்
நன்னிலை எய்தும் வண்ணம்
நாளெல்லாம் வளர்ந்து வாழ
இன்முகக் கண்ணன் தாளை
என்றும்யான் வணங்கு கின்றேன்.

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சொல்லாண்ட சீரெல்லாம் துன்னி வளருக

'கலைமகள்' ஆசிரியர்
வாகீச கலாநிதி கி.வா. ஜகந்நாதன்

அண்ணா மலையண்ணல் அன்பால் நிறுவிவைத்த
கண்ணார் தருபல் கலைக்கழகம் – எண்ணார்ந்த
கல்வித் துறைபலவும் காட்சி பெறவளர்த்தும்
நல்வகையில் ஓங்கும் நயந்து.

பல்லா யிரம்பேர்க்குப் பற்பல் துறையினிலே
வல்லாராய்க் கல்வி வளம்பெறவே – நல்லனசெய்
தின்றினிய பொன்விழா ஏற்க இலகியதே,
குன்றுபோ லேபெருமை கொண்டு.

நல்லோர்கள் அன்பினால் நாட்டும் நிறுவனம்
பல்லோரும் நல்ல பயன்பெறவே – எல்லாரும்
நன்றுசொலச் செய்யுமெனல் நாடறியக் காட்டியதே
இன்றுயரும் பேர்சால் இது.

இன்னும் பலபலவாண் டிந்நாட்டின் நன்மைக்குத்
துன்னுகின்ற கல்வித் துறைகளிலே – நன்றியற்றிச்
சொல்லாண்ட சீரெல்லாம் துன்னி வளருகவே
பல்லாண்டு நீடிஇந்தப் பார்.

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தன்னிகர் இல்லாக் கல்விதரும் கலைக்கழகம்

திருச்சிராப்பள்ளி தமிழிசைச் செவ்வேள்
திரு.. பொ. மாணிக்கவாசகம்

1. மாயிரு உலகந் தன்னில் மாண்பினை வளர்த்து நிற்கும்
ஆயிரந் தருமத் திற்கும் அடிப்படை கல்வி என்ற
பாயிரம் உணர்ந்த வள்ளல் பல்கலைக் கழகம் கண்டார்
கோயிலை வென்ற தம்மா கூடிய அறங்க ளெல்லாம்.

2. ஏட்டிலே நிலைத்து நிற்கும் ஏந்தலே செட்டி நாட்டில்
கூட்டிய புகழின் வேந்தர் குவிந்திடும் அறத்தின் செல்வர்
ஈட்டிய பொருளுக் கெல்லாம் ஏற்புடை தருமங் கண்டார்
நாட்டிய புகழைப் போன்று நானிலம் கண்ட துண்டோ?

3. தன்னிகர் இல்லாக் கல்வி தரும்கலைக் கழகம் இன்று
பொன்விழாக் காணுகின்ற புகழ்நிலா கல்வி வானில்!
பொன்னிலா தேடிச் சேர்த்த பொருளிலா இன்பம் சேரும்
எண்ணிலாத் தொண்டிற் குள்ளே இருப்பதே இன்பம் என்றார்.

4. இமிழ்கடல் எனப்ப ரந்த இசையெலாம் அமுத மானத்
தமிழ்மொழி ஆக வேண்டித் தனித்ததோர் தொண்டைச் செய்தே
அமிழ்தமாய்க் காட்சி தந்த அறிவெனும் இமயந் தன்னைக்
கமழ்நறும் பூவைக் கல்விக் கடலினைப் பணிந்து நிற்பாம்.

5. முன்னவர் தொண்டைப் போற்றி முடிவிலாப் பெருமை கொண்ட
கண்ணென அறம்வ ளர்க்கும் கருணையின் முத்தை யாவாம்
பொன்மனச் செம்மல்! பாரில் புகழுடைச் செட்டி நாட்டு
மன்னரை வணங்கி நிற்பாம், வாழ்கபல் லாண்டு வாழ்க!

6. சீரிய நிலையம் வைத்துத் தேடிய பொருளி னாலே
நேரிய கல்வி காக்கும் நீடிய பெருமை தன்னால்
பாரியை வென்று நிற்கும் பாங்கினைத் தமிழ ரெல்லாம்
காரியம் அனைத்தும் விட்டுக் கடனென வாழ்த்த வேண்டும்.

7. காவியம் போற்றும் வாழ்வால் கண்ணியம் வளர்த்து நாட்டில்
ஆவியாய் மொழியைப் பேணும் ஆசையைத் தமிழர்க் கூட்டிப்
பாவியல் தமிழில் எல்லாம் பண்மிகு இசையைச் சேர்த்த
பூவினை வெல்லும் உள்ளம் பூந்தமிழ் போன்றே வாழ்க!

8. இசைத்தமிழ் வளர்த்துக் காக்கும் ஏற்புடைப் பொறுப்பே ஏற்றுத்
திசையெலாம் பரவும் வண்ணம் செயல்புரி வாய்ப்பைப் பெற்ற
இசைவளர் திருச்சி தந்த இன்மணி வாச கத்தின்
மிசையுறும் வாழ்த்தைக் கூறி மேன்மையைப் போற்று கின்றேன்!

9. அண்ணலாம் செட்டி நாட்டின் அரசரின் அரிய நட்பால்
பன்னலம் பெற்ற என்றன் பாங்கினைப் போற்றும் வண்ணம்
தன்னிகர் இல்லாச் சங்கம் தமிழிசைச் செவ்வேள் என்றே
மன்னிய பெருமை சேர்த்த மாண்பினை மறப்பார் உண்டோ?

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ஆயிரத்தில் ஒருவர்

டாக்டர் உளுந்தூர்ப்பேட்டை சண்முகம்

பொன்னாலே உயர்ந்தவர்கள் புகழாலும் உயர்தல்
மண்ணில் ஒருசிலர்க்கே வாய்த்திருப்ப துண்டாம்
அண்ணாமலை மன்னா நீயோ அச்சிலராம்
ஆயிரவருள் ஒருவர் ஆகும் நிலைபெற்றாய்!

அண்ணாமலை அரசே - எங்கள்
அண்ணாமலை அரசே (அண்ணாமலை)

சொன்னாலே சுவைக்கும்
பண்ணாக இனிக்கும் - உன்
தொண்டுள்ளம் கண்டுள்ளம் உவக்கும் - உன்
தொண்டுள்ளம் கண்டுள்ளம் உவக்கும் (அண்ணாமலை)

தன்னாலே பலரும் முன்னேறப் பெற்றார்
பொன்னான கலைபல கற்றார்
உன்னாலே தமிழும் தமிழாலே நீயும்
என்னாளும் போற்றிடப் பெற்றீர். (அண்ணாமலை)

நில்லாத செல்வத்தை நீஅள்ளித் தந்தே
நிலையான புகழ்தன்னைத் தேடி விட்டாய்
கல்லாதார் இந்நாட்டில் இல்லாத நிலைகாண
சொல்லாலும் செயலாலும் பாடுபட்டாய் - நின்
சொல்லாலும் செயலாலும் பாடுபட்டாய் (அண்ணாமலை)

பலகாலம் உன்முன்னோர் சிலகோயில் கட்ட
நிலையான கலைக்கோயில் நீகண்டாய்
உளநாளில் உன்போல உளமாரப் பணிசெய்த
ஒப்பற்ற உத்தமன் யாருண்டு
ஒப்பற்ற உத்தமன் யாருண்டு
ஒப்பற்ற உத்தமன் யாருண்டு! (அண்ணாமலை)

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Faculties and Departments

Faculty of Arts

Department of English

The Department of English, one of the oldest Departments of Study, comprises the sections (a) English and (b) Modern European Languages, other than English. The present staff strength of the Department is fourteen, though at the time when the University was making admissions to the Pre University Class, B.A., B.Sc., and B.Com. degree classes, it was a maximum of thirtyeight.

The Board of Studies in English had for its members, over the period of years, very distinguished scholars of English, and they saw to it that the standard of the M.A. degree in English of this University equalled that of the premier Universities of India as well as those abroad.

The Department was among the first in Indian Universities to introduce a full paper on American Literature. Changes have taken place in the curriculum of the M.A. degree course from time to time in tune with the trend of the times. The study of Old and Middle English was first dropped. While the other Universities have done away with the *viva voce* examination at the M.A. level, the Department continues to have it. Indian Writing in English was introduced in the late seventies. A paper on Linguistics and Modern English Grammar, two papers spread over two semesters to impart Writing Skills, a paper on Creative Writing, Literary Criticism, and the study of a Genre were introduced in the eighties.

The Institute of Spoken English which offered courses in spoken English existed only for a short period of three years in the sixties. In response to popular demand, the Department has plans to offer part time Certificate and Diploma courses in English for Communication with a modified and advanced curriculum.

A beginning has also been made in the direction of equipping the Department ultimately with a full-fledged sound laboratory to keep abreast of the times in instructional methods.

The Department has been conducting full time M.Phil. courses from 1977, and it has helped a number of teachers in service to acquire the M.Phil. degree under the Faculty Improvement Programme. In addition to full time M.Phil. scholars, the Department has at present scholars doing research leading to the award of the M.Phil. degree under the Summer Sequential Programme. In addition to part time teacher-researchers of the Department, there are also full time research scholars working for their Ph.D. degree.

The Department has been offering instruction in French at the Certificate and Diploma level. Instruction in French at the Degree level (Part II and III) was also offered as long as there were undergraduate courses. For a short period in the

sixties, students were admitted to the M.A. Class in French when Professor Lambert Saravane, Professor from the French College, was with the Department. The Department had at one time a Professor (whose services were lent by the French College, Pondicherry), a Reader, and a Lecturer in French. But now there is a Lecturer for the Certificate in French, Diploma in French, and Advanced Diploma in French Classes.

Courses leading to the Certificate and Diploma in German and instruction in German under Part II were discontinued after the sixties, as the services of qualified teachers were not available after the retirement of Thiru T.P. Thamby.

From its inception, the Department has had the benefit of learned scholars directing its affairs. Of about ten Professors, who occupied the Chair of English at different times, the tenure of Professor M.S. Duraiswami was the longest, of twenty two years, and most of the teachers of the Department on date have studied under him.

Department of History

The Department of History, one of the oldest in the University, has been headed by such eminent scholars as Sri B.R. Kumar (1929-30), Professor P.R. Srinivasa Aiyangar (1930-1932), Dewan Bahadur Professor C.S. Srinivasachariar (1932-1946), Professor R. Sathianathaiyer (1946-1964), Dr. B.V. Ramanujam (1964-1969), Dr. A. Krishnaswamy (1969-1971), Prof. D. Balasubramanian (1971-1986), and Dr. M.S. Govindasamy, since 1986.

Professor R. Baskaran, Dr. S. Balakrishna Nair, Dr. P.C. Alexander (now Governor of Tamilnadu), Sri S.K. Govindaswami, and Sri P. Srivirarayan Raja had been on the staff of the Department.

So far 12 Doctorates, 14 M.Litt. and 67 M.Phil. Degrees in history have been awarded.

Over thirteen research works, mostly relating to South Indian History, have been published by the Department.

The Department conducted the Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies in February 1983, and the 45th Session of the Indian History Congress in December 1984. The Department is privileged, along with the Department of Political Science, to be in charge of the Professor M. Ruthnaswamy Endowment Lectures and the Dr. S.V. Chittibabu Endowment Lectures.

The present strength of the Department is one Professor, one Reader, and five Lecturers.

Department of Political Science

M.A. Political Science Course was started in the composite Department of History and Politics during 1979-80. In December, 1981, a separate Department of Political Science was created. Dr. S.V. Chittibabu, the then Vice-Chancellor, inaugurated the newly created Department. Since then the Department has been growing from strength to strength in all directions.

At present the Department offers courses in M.A. Political Science,

M.Phil., Ph.D., and P.G. Diploma in Public Administration.

Since its inception the Department has produced 25 M.Phils. and 4 Ph.Ds.

Since 1982, the Department has organised 3 UGC seminars, 2 USEFI sponsored Workshop/Seminars and the XVII Annual Conference of the Indian Association for American Studies.

Also, eminent foreign scholars such as Dr. V. Subramanian of Carleton University, Dale C. Thompson, of McGill University, Dr. Richard Hofferbert, State University, New York and Dr. Elizabeth C. Hanson, of the University of Connecticut have visited the Department.

Indian Scholars who had visited the Department are: Dr. Joseph Murican, Institute of Social Science, Trivandrum, 1987 and 1988, Dr. B.S. B.S. Bhargava, Institute of Economic and Social Change, Bangalore, 1987 and Dr. M. Abel, Former Vice-Chancellor, Krishnadevaraya University, Anatapur, 1988.

The following members of the staff held positions as shown below:

Dr. S. Bhaskaran: President, Indian Association for American Studies (1984-86), Elected Member, Board of Directors, American Studies Research Centre, Hyderabad (1984-86 and 1986-88)

Dr. A. Shanmugam: Treasurer-Secretary, Indian Association for American Studies, 1986-87 and 1987-88, General Secretary, Indian Association for American Studies, 1988-89 and 1989-90.

Mr. B. Krishnamurthy: Member, Editorial Board, Indian Journal of Political Science, 1988-89.

Dr. G. Palanithurai: Member, Editorial Board-Journal of Eelam Studies (London), Executive Member, Tamil Nadu Political Science Academy (1987)

The staff members have actively participated in many Conferences and Seminars both at the national and the international levels. Also some of them have a number of articles and books to their credit.

Awards:

Dr. S. Bhaskaran received Fulbright Fellowship (Institute of International Education) from July 1974 to December 1978 and also the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Social Science Research Fellowship: He stayed at McGill University, Montreal, Canada (September 1983 — December 1983). Under the USEFI - FULBRIGHT Scheme he was a Visiting Lecturer and Senior Research Scholar at the School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University in 1988.

Dr. G. Palanithurai received the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Social Science Research Fellowship and stayed in McGill University, Montreal, Canada (July 2 —August 16, 1989)

Department of Economics

The Department of Economics is one of the oldest Departments in the University, attracting social sciences students to its post-graduate and research courses. The courses offered are:

M.A. Regular, M.Phil. (Regular and Sequential), Ph.D., and D.Litt. in Economics. The Department has had the unique distinction of being headed by eminent professors right from its inception in 1928. The first to head the Department was Prof. Ahamed Muhtar. Professors who assumed office in succession were Professor Duraiswamy Ayyangar, Professor B.V. Narayanaswami Naidu, Professor R.N. Poduval, Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, Prof. V.C. Ramakrishna Ayyar, Professor S.V. Ayyar, Prof. K.S. Sonachalam, Dr. A. Ramaswami, and Dr. T.C. Mohan.

Professors of this Department have won academic acclaim. A few of the prominent contributions are listed below. Dr. B.V. Narayanaswami Naidu did research on Groundnut Cultivation in South Arcot District, Rural Credit, and Rail and Road Transport. Professor K.S. Sonachalam's contributions relate to Benefit Cost Evaluation of Cauvery-Mettur Project, Land Reforms Legislations and Their Implementations in Tamilnadu, Electricity and Economic Development in Tamilnadu, and a Study of Industrial Relations in Selected Industries in Tamil Nadu. Dr. A. Ramaswami did research on the Impact of Panchayat Raj and Community Development in Tamilnadu and also made a Study of Land Reforms in Selected Districts in Tamilnadu. Dr. T.C. Mohan's research related to the Study of the Problems of Unemployment among ITI Trainees in Tamilnadu and an Approach to Planning for Rural Development at the Village Level. He is the author of some text books for B.A. and M.A. Economics (Tamil Medium). As the Head, he gave a new thrust to research work.

Among the professors of the Department whose valuable services were recognised by the Government, and who were entrusted with great responsibilities, mention may be made of Dr. B.N. Narayanaswami Naidu who became the Chairman of the Tariff Board and later Chairman of the Forward Markets Commission, after serving the department for a number of years. Dr. S. Chandrasekhar is a world renowned Demographer with many publications to his credit. He was for sometime the Union Minister of Health and Family Planning and later the Vice-Chancellor of the University. Prof. K.S. Sonachalam was for a few years a member of the Railway Rates Tribunal.

The Department consists of a Professor, 4 Readers, and 6 Lecturers.

The major areas of research of the Department include (i) Agriculture and Rural Development, (ii) Industrial Economics and Industrial Relations. (iii) Banking, (iv) Fiscal Economics, (v) Urban Economics, (vi) Health Economics, and (vii) Tribal Development.

There are at present 180 students in M.A. classes, 27 in M.Phil., 11 in Ph.D. and 2 in D.Litt. Courses.

The Department has carried out a number of research projects, sponsored by ICSSR, UGC, IACR, SBI, IB. NLC, etc.

Department of Sociology

The Annamalai University was the first institution in Tamil Nadu to offer a course in Sociology from the pre-degree course to the doctoral programme.

The Sociology Department came into being in 1954, offering instructions at the under-graduate level. Three years later, the Department introduced the post-graduate course in Social Sciences. Three American Professors, Dr. Eugene P. Link, Dr. Clarence E. Glick and Dr. Charles Freeman were deputed by the USIS to assist the Department in its formative years. For various administrative reasons the post-graduate wing of the department remained suspended during 1966 to 1977, which has since been revived. The present staff position: one Professor, one Reader and four Lecturers.

At present there are thirty students in M.A. previous and twenty five in M.A. final. The curriculum content of the post-graduate course lays stress on theory, methodology and statistics.

Topics in rural sociology, industrial sociology, labour problems, sociology of development and modernisation, medical sociology, women studies and urban communities and their socio-cultural changes have been generally chosen by the researchers in the Department. So far 39 students have obtained their M.Phil., degrees and 3 researchers have been awarded Ph.D. degrees in Sociology. On date, there are 10 M.Phil scholars and 11 Ph.D scholars working on various research projects.

A UGC - sponsored Workshop in Research Methodology in Social Sciences was organised in 1981 by the Department. The teachers of the Department were associated with text-book writing in Tamil for plus-two sociology students, which was published by the Government of Tamil Nadu Text Book Society. The B.A. and M.A. level sociology courses were introduced through Distance Education in 1980. In 1982 the Tamil Nadu Sociological Society was formed to promote research activities among its members. The XVI All India Sociological Conference was organised during December 1982. Around 500 delegates from all over the country and abroad participated in the Conference.

The teachers of the Department have participated in international and national level conferences and seminars like the World Sociology Congress, All India Sociological Conferences, and the ones conducted by the Advanced Training Institute for Teachers in Simla and presented scientific papers.

With increasing demand made by the community and the Government for the involvement of the universities in the welfare of the common man, the Sociology Department has undertaken a few community-oriented projects.

Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce started functioning in 1955 under the aegis of the Department of Economics with three members of the staff. B.Com. and B.Com. (Hons.) courses were offered. Later, it functioned under the headship of Thiru S. Rajagopalan, Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, deputed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, to teach Co-operation on free services terms. Only in 1962, it came to be headed by a Commerce Professor, when Dr. M.O. Mathew was appointed Head of the Department.

In 1959, the M.Com. Degree Course

was started, and the B.Com. (Hons.) course was discontinued in 1962. Upto 1976, research facilities leading to the award of the M.Litt. Degree were provided. In 1977, in the place of M.Litt., M.Phil. course came into existence. Currently, the courses offered in the department are:

1. M.Com. (English Medium) with specialisation in Income Tax Law and Practice and Cooperation and Banking.

2. M.Com. (Tamil Medium) with specialisation in Co-operation and Banking (Introduced in the academic year 1987-88).

3. M.Phil. (Regular, Part-time and the Summer Sequential Programmes)

4. Ph.D. (Regular. Part-time, and External)

The members of the teaching staff are well qualified, with research degrees and research guidance experience. The sanctioned strength of the Department includes Professor 1, Readers 4, Lecturers 11, Part-time Auditor 1, and one Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, deputed by the Government of Tamil Nadu on free-services terms. The Department is well-equipped with a library consisting over 2,500 books and back volumes of 13 journals and periodicals.

The popularity of the courses offered by the Department has drawn students from far and wide all these years, and the present strength is 371, comprising 190 M.Com. English Medium students, 114 Tamil Medium Students, 37 M.Phil. regulars, 21 M.Phil. Summer Sequential candidates and 9 Ph.D. full-time scholars (including 7 Junior Research Fellows holding UGC Scholarships). So far it has produced 10 M.Litts., 145 M.Phils., in 9 different fields of specialisation, and 13 Ph.Ds.

Different co-curricular activities are organised by the Department every year for the benefit of the students. Also it has been bringing out a magazine continuously for the past 27 years. There are 2 units of NSS with 225 student volunteers and 2 programme officers. A large number of students are active members of the Social Service League of the University, and they undertake various activities including conducting of Night Schools for the poor students.

Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics

The Government of India, through the University Grants Commission, gave a grant of Rs. 3,00,000/- at the time of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Annamalai University in 1954, to institute a Research Chair in the University. On that basis, the University, on the recommendation of a special committee of experts, started the Department of Comparative Philology in 1956. The Deparment was initially started with a Reader and two Lecturers. Later in 1957, the University encouraged the Department by providing another Reader, one Lecturer in Linguistics, and one Lecturer each in Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam.

The University Grants Commission, seeing its performance, gave grants for putting up a building and a phonetics laboratory.

The Department was renamed as the Department of Dravidian Linguistics in 1959, and a two-year M.A. Degree course in Linguistics was started. In the same year a Certificate and Diploma Courses in Linguistics and also one in each of the South Indian Languages were started. The Department also introduced an Eight-week Intensive Course in spoken Tamil in 1963. In the same year a full-time Diploma Course in Tamil was also started for the benefit of non-Tamils.

The work turned out by the Department was appreciated by the University Grants Commission, and the Department was made a Centre of Advanced Study in Linguistics in 1963.

The Centre was selected in 1967 for assistance under the British Commonwealth Education Co-operation Programme and the Colombo Plan. On that basis, there was exchange of the staff between the Department and the Departments in the United Kingdom.

In 1984, the Department introduced part-time Post-Graduate Diploma Courses in Adult Education, Dialectology, Language Teaching Methods, Lexicography, Phonetics, and Translation Studies.

The Department celebrated its Silver Jubilee in 1986. In 1988 an M.A. Course in Translation Studies was started.

The Centre was sanctioned many projects by the NCERT, ICASR, UGC, and the Government of Tamil Nadu, since 1963, and many students from all over India have been working in these projects with financial assistance.

The Department has so far produced 101 Ph.Ds. 10 persons have submitted their dissertations for the award of Ph.D., and 22 candidates are working for their Ph.D. 13 candidates have obtained their M.Litt. Degrees, and 10 candidates have earned their M.Phil. Degrees.

The Department had conducted 31 Seminars, one Workshop, one National Symposium, and 7 Summer Institutes.

The members of the staff of the Department have published about 150 books and 1300 research papers in leading journals.

Centre for Population Studies

The Centre for Population Studies was started in August 1976. It is a full-fledged Post-Graduate and Research Centre in Population Studies, offering M.A., M.Phil, and Ph.D. Degree Courses:

The Centre has one Professor and four Lecturers and it carries its three divisions of Teaching, Research, and Extension.

Teaching:

The M.A. Programme has 14 courses, spread over 4 semesters, including basic courses in Sociology, Economics, Research Methodology, and Statistics, which are relevant for a clear grasp of population dynamics. Besides, the students are required to take-up a demographic topic of current interest for their field work and to submit a scientific and analytic report (disserta-

tion) at the end of the course programme and they are required to defend their report in the viva-voce examination.

The Centre extends its teaching facilities to other departments such as Sociology and Development Studies.

Research:

The faculty members are engaged in their own research, besides research guidance offered to M.Phil. and Ph.D. researchers. A total of 31 M.Phils & 1 Ph.D. Degrees were awarded since 1980. Presently there are 7 M.Phil. and 4 Ph.D. researchers, working on various topics of current socio-economic and demographic importance.

Also, the Centre has taken up a research project on Tribes in Kalrayan Hills, sponsored by the Government of Tamil Nadu, under the auspices of DANIDA (Danish International Development Agency)

Extension:

The faculty members take part, every year in the one-day Training Programmes for local leaders in villages, organised by the District Family Welfare and Maternal and Child Health Bureau, South Arcot District.

The Centre organises Population Education Week celebrations every year, under the auspices of Population Education Clubs, sanctioned to the Centre by the UGC. The Population Education Club activities include organisation of various competitions and group discussions on issues pertaining to population problems. Population problem awareness, small family norm campaigns in every house-hold in the neighbouring villages are also organised with the active involvement of P.G. students. The faculty members deliver lectures periodically and also during the week-long celebrations in the campus and villages in the neighbourhood, on population problems and Family Planning.

Department of Business Administration

The Department of Business Administration was started in the year 1978-1979 with a view to promoting management education with reference to teaching, research, and training in management.

The Department at present, offers two teaching programmes. 1. Two-year full-time programme leading to the M.B.A. Degree; 2. Three year part-time programme leading to the M.B.A. Degree.

Research activities in the Department consist of a) Doctoral work by faculty, b) guiding M.Phil research and c) Publication of research studies, and professional articles.

The Depatment has so far produced 8 M.Phil scholars who have now taken up academic careers in managements education. M.Phil course is now being offered to candidates coming under the FIP programme.

The Department offers a number of training activities organised by SISI, Madras.

The Department has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with NLC, Neyveli for mutual exchange of Faculty for the conduct of classes for M.B.A. students and Part-time M.B.A. students. Part-time M.B.A. classes are also conducted at NLC in the final semester of M.B.A. programme with a stipend of Rs. 750 per month.

Business Administration students undergo 3 months project training in different industries all over India. So far, more than 100 organisations have offered project training.

The Department is equipped with regular and Part-time Faculty members. Qualified and competent practitioners, and academics are appointed Guest Lecturers. At present there are 5 Guest Lecturers for M.B.A.

Academics, practitioners and Management consultants are invited to deliver special lectures and guest lectures on select aspects of Management and Self-development.

Department of Library and Information Science

The Department of Library and Information Science came into existence in 1979 and started functioning by offering the Degree Course in Library and Information Science to sixty students. To begin with, the Librarian and the Deputy Librarians, with one full-time lecturer, participated in the teaching programme. The Department was located in the first floor of the Library Building itself, so that the students could be exposed to the actual work environment.

In 1980, a Certificate Course in Library Science was introduced. The Department was strengthened with the appointment of one more full-time lecturer. The syllabus was modernised in 1981 with more emphasis on practical work. Tutorial system was introduced in 1982, to enhance teacher-students interaction Project work for each student was made a course requirement. As these innovations increased the work-load of the staff, two full time lecturers were appointed in the place of the Deputy Librarians. A Certificate Course in Reprography, Non-Book Materials, and Audio-Visuals was started in 1985.

To-day, the Department is a full-fledged one, offering the following courses:

- Bachelor of Library and Information Sciences (BLIS)
- Master of Library and Information Sciences (MLIS)
- Certificate in Library Science (CLIS)
- Certificate in Reprography, Non-Book Material (CRNB)
- M.Phil. and Ph.D. (Part-time).

All the members of the staff are engaged in higher studies either leading to M.Phil or Ph.D. About thirty research articles have been presented at various Seminars and Conferences.

The Department has so far produced 514 BLIS graduates, 234 Certificate holders in Library Science, and 32 Certificate holders in Reprography and Non Book Materials.

In the Diamond Jubilee year, the Department of Library and Information Sciences will be completing its first decade of service in the field of Library and Information Science.

Department of Development Studies

The subject of development in recent years has come into the forefront of thought. Originally treated as a topic within the discipline of economics, it is now generally accepted that development is a wider social phenomenon in which economic development is only a part and embraces all other social sciences as well.

The Annamalai University, with the collaboration of the Mother's Service Society of Pondicherry, had initiated a project during 1982-83. The main objective was to map out the dimensions and boundaries of development as a science and to evolve a syllabus for an M.A. level course in Development Studies.

The M.A. level course in Development Studies was introduced in the academic year 1982-83, with an intake of 40 students drawn both from Arts and Science disciplines. This course is interdisciplinary in nature and teaching faculties from Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Psychology, Population Studies, Computer Science and Statistics are drawn to teach the course.

Special Features of the Course

1. The curriculum embraces all social sciences and integrates them within a broader framework.

2. Students are given practical training in computer programming and applications.

3. A survey-based dissertation is submitted by the students as a partial fulfilment of the requirements for the degree.

4. Facilities for M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes in Development Studies and also available.

Since 1982-83, 120 students have passed out, and currently 30 students are pursuing the course both in I & II year.

Research

1. Out of the 19 students registered for M.Phil., 15 students have been awarded the degree since 1984.
2. There are also 4 research scholars working for their doctoral degree under UGC's research fellowship (through National Education Test) since 1985.

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Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics was founded in 1929. Dr. A. Narasinga Rao, was the first Professor and Head of the Department till his retirement in 1946. Professor G.V. Krishnaswamy who was in the Department right from its inception succeeded him and continued till 1950 when Dr. V. Ganapathy Iyer took over as Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematics. After the retirement of Dr. V. Ganapathy Iyer in 1972, Dr.G.Sankaranarayanan became the Head of the Department and when he retired in 1986, he was succeeded by Dr. R. Balakrishnan, the present incumbent.

Currently, the Department has one Professor, four Readers and three Lecturers. It offers M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D. programmes in Mathematics. Provision for college teachers to pursue M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes, under the Faculty Improvement Programme of the UGC, also exists.

The Department has consistently been giving the top most priority to curriculum development and as a consequence, it has been updating its syllabi by introducing a variety of new topics. Modern subjects like Probability Theory and Stochastic Processes, Operations Research, Computer Programming, Analytic Number Theory and Algebraic Number Theory, Graph Theory, Cadding Theory, Matrix Analysis and Near Rings form parts of the course work at the M.Sc. and M.Phil. levels. The Department has conducted its research activities in the following fields; Geometry, Algebra, Real, Complex and Functional Analysis, Theory of Probability and Stochastic Processes, Operations Research and Discrete Mathematics. The current research interests of the Department are: Matrix Analysis, Ring Theory, Graph Theory, Coding Theory and Stochastic Processes.

The Department has a good record of research work and already 36 candidates have taken their Ph.Ds, in addition to several M.Scs, by research and M.Phils. The Department has to its credit nearly 300 research papers in standard journals in India and abroad. In addition, seven books have been published by the Staff of the Department.

The Department can well boast of a valuable collection of books and back volumes of journals. It has also acquired a PC/AT Computer and an Electronic Mathematical Typewriter.

The Department has had the privilege of hosting several conferences and seminars, symposia and summer institutes. Many Mathematicians of repute have been invited as lecturers, and some have served as also Visiting Professors.

Department of Statistics

The Statistics Department was started in 1955, with Dr. K. Rangaswami Aiyar as the Professor and Head of the Department. To begin with, Statistics was offered as a major subject at the B.A. level. The three-year B.Sc. (Hons.) course was started in 1956 and the two-year M.Sc.,

(Statistics) Course in 1958. With the retirement of Dr. K. Rangaswami Aiyar in 1972, the Departments Mathematics and Statistics were combined into a single Department, under the headship of Dr. G. Sankaranarayanan.

The Department was again separated in 1981, and Thiru V.R. Nandagopal, Reader in Statistics was incharge of the department until 1983, when Dr. M. Rajagopalan was promoted as Professor and Head of the Statistics Department.

The Department currently offers (1) a two-year M.Sc. Programme, (2) M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes in Statistics and (3) a part-time P.G. Diploma Course in Statistics. In addition, the Department is currently involved in teaching Statistics to the following Degree Courses: B.Sc. (Agri.), M.Sc. (Agri.), M.B.A., M.Sc., (Zoo.), M.Sc. (Botany), M.Sc., (Bio-Chemistry), M.A. (Development Studies), M.A. (Political Science), M.A. (Economics). Further, the Department is also helping research students of sister Departments in the statistical analysis of their research data.

The Department has a good library and a computing facility consisting of a PC/AT and 4 PCs with Statistical Softwares.

The Department has produced five M.Scs (by research), and three Ph.Ds and M.Phils. Currently research work is going on in the following topics: (1) Bayesian Inference (2) Stochastic Processes (3) Econometrics (4) Reliability and (5) Outliers.

The present staff strength is one Professor, two Readers and five Lecturers.

Department of Physics

The Department of Physics, was started in 1929 and it is well known for its research in Magnetism and Molecular Physics. It has a very good research laboratory leading to advanced studies in Spectroscopy, Geo-Physics, Bio-Physics, Chemical Physics and Material Science. The Alumni of this department are occuping high positions in various research institutions all over the world.

The first Professor, Prof. S.R. Rao laid the foundation for research. A lot of work in Magneto Chemistry, Metal Magnetism and Scattering was carried out. The activities continued during the headship of Prof. J.P. Manickam and Prof. T.P. Navaneetha Krishnan. During the period of Prof. K. Venkateswaralu, research assumed new dimensions. He contributed to Force Field Studies and the Raman Scattering. Then Dr. S. Sriraman who succeded Prof. K. Venkateswaralu consolidated teaching and research activities. Under the Headship of Dr. K. Ramaswamy, research expanded to fields like Molecular Physics, Geo-Physics and Bio-Physics. Presently the Department is headed by Prof. V. Shanmugasundaram. The Department has one Professor, five Readers and five Lecturers.

Since its inception, three D.Sc., Degrees, 60 Ph.D., 15 M.Sc., by research, 80 M.Phil., Degrees have been awarded. More than 600 research papers have been published in national and international journals. The Department has been regularly conducting summer schools and national seminars.

The Department offers M.Sc., M.Phil., and Ph.D., Programmes in Physics.

From the academic year 1989-90, a job oriented P.G. Diploma Course in Electronics and Instrumentation has also been offered to cater to the needs of the self employed, and to technicians in teaching and research institutions and hospitals.

Presently, 30 Scholars are pursuing their studies for Ph.D., and M.Phil., degrees.

The Department also has a full fledged, well equipped workshop with sophisticated machines, which is fully utilised by students and research scholars.

Eminent Scientists, like C.V. Raman, K.S. Krishnan, Bhagavantham, R.S. Krishnan, E.S.R. Gopal visited the Department and had given lectures. Currently, two projects in the inter-disciplinary area are going on with Dr. K. Ramaswamy as Principal Investigator under the auspices of the University Grants Commission.

Central Instrumentation and Services Laboratory

The Central Instrumentation and Services Laboratory was sanctioned by UGC during the 7th Plan period. It started functioning in a room in the Department of Physics under the control of Dr. K. Ramaswamy, the then head of the Department of Physics. The laboratory was shifted to the present place in 1984. The present laboratory is constructed on a plinth area of about 2500 sq.ft. which is fully air conditioned.

The Laboratory is equipped with sophisticated instruments for advanced research. Researchers from all the departments of the University and neighbouring Colleges avail the facilities. Servicing in a small scale is also undertaken. This laboratory caters to the needs of the research workers.

Presently, this laboratory is under the control of Dr. S.V. Shanmugasundaram, Dean, Faculty of Science. One Instrumentation Engineer, two Lecturers and one technician were appointed for the operation, maintenance and servicing of the equipments.

The following instruments are available in this Laboratory.

1. Perkin - Elmer	R 32 NMR
2. Technicon	Rc2p Amino-acid Analyser
3. JASCO	UV/Visible 650 Spectrophotometer
4. JASCO	FP - 550 Spectroflourometer
5. PYE-UNICAM	SP_3 - 300 IR-Spectrophotometer
6. EDAX	PV 9500, PU 9100 XRF
7. JASCO	HPLC
8. HCL	Micro-processor-work Horse Level-II
9. RICHARDSON & CRUDDAS	ICE Maker

To ensure uninterrupted power supply, a 50 KVA Genset has also been installed.

Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry was headed by eminent scholars, first by Professor S.N. Chakravarthy and later by Prof. K. Aswathnarayana Rao, Professor S.V.R. Aananthakrishnan, Professor K.I. Kurien, Professor T. Sakthivelu, Professor V.D.N. Sastry, Professor M.L. Joshi, Professor V. Baliah, and Professor K. Gana-

pathy. The present incumbent is Professor M. Uma. The Department made outstanding research contributions during Professor V. Baliah's Headship (1949-1976). The first Doctorate Degree in Chemistry was awarded in 1954, and from then on, the Department grew from strength to strength. The Department has produced 80 doctorates and 70 M.Phils. More than 300 research papers have so far been published in national and international scientific journals.

Research is also done in Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry.

The Department introduced specialization at the M.Sc. level, in 1988. Four branches of specialisation are offered, viz., Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry. The Department has been expanded with three additional Professors, one Reader and four Lecturers, the total number of the teaching staff now being 17.

The 23rd Annual Convention of Chemists was conducted during December, 1986 and a National Seminar on the Applications of Physical Methods in Chemistry was organised in March, 1989.

Department of Botany

The Department of Botany was established in 1932 and is 57 years old now. The Department offers P.G. and Research Courses for the M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., Degrees. The approved faculty strength is 13. At present under the Headship of Dr. T. Govindarajalu, six Readers and three Lecturers are working in the Department.

There are four research laboratories engaged in research in Plant Pathology, Physiology, Ecology and Cytology. The laboratories are well equipped and they have helped scholars produce standard publications and secure research degrees. All the faculty members are experienced teachers with Ph.D. qualification.

At present, the Department admits some 60 students for M.Sc., degree course each year. There are 18 M.Phil. and 25 Ph.D. scholars working in various branches of Botany.

So far 34 Ph.D. and about 135 M.Phil Degrees were awarded in this faculty. The Department was headed by eminent Professors like Prof. T.S. Raghavan, Prof. T.C.N. Singh, Prof. K. Rengaswamy Iyyengar, Prof. C. Srinivasan and Prof. R. Ganesan. The Alumni of the Department are occupying high positions in various walks of life. Prof. A. Gnanam and Prof. K.M. Marimuthu, Vice-Chancellors of Madras and Bharathiar Universities respectively are old students of the Botany Department.

The Department has contributed more than 500 research papers in different disciplines of Botany to various national and international journals. One of our colleagues, Dr. D. Subramanian has been awarded the highest degree, namely, the D.Sc. Degree.

The Department conducted Summer Institutes for College Teachers, and a National Symposium on Cytomorphogenesis, in 1988.

Department of Zoology

The Department of Zoology was started as a small unit, attached to the Botany Department in the early 30's. The Department was then headed by Prof. R.V.

Seshaiya who by his arduous efforts and devotion introduced a graduate course in Zoology. In 1948, the B.Sc. (Hons.) Degree Course was introduced, with an intake of 10 students each year for the three-year course. Subsequently the M.Sc., Course was introduced. Later, subjects like Bio-Chemistry, Bio-Physics and Bio-Statistics were added to the curriculum with a view to making the course of study more fruitful and effective.

Professor Seshaiya laid the foundation for research in the Department, guiding a band of enthusiastic scholars for their M.Sc., degree by research. Subsequently a Ph.D., programme was initiated. At present a number of students are working for their M.Phil. and Ph.D. Degrees.

The Department, under the Headship of Prof. PR. Karpagaganapathy, has one Professor, four Readers and six Lecturers. It is proposed to offer a two-year M.Sc., course in aquaculture in the next Plan period. So far, the Department has published more than 125 papers in leading national and international journals and more than 150 papers have been presented in Seminars and Symposia.

Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology

The Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology which is international and national in character is engaged in multidisciplinary research in the field of Oceanography and Marine Biology. Late Prof. R.V. Seshaiya who fostered and nurtured it with great care, was its chief architect, and laid the foundation on which it has grown steadily. During the course of its 25 years of existence, it has built up rapport and collaborative research with leading national and international research institutions and universities like the University of Southampton and British Museum in Great Britain, Arthus University in Denmark, Ehime University of Japan and USSR Academy of Sciences. The multidisciplinary research approach truly reflects the broad conception of this Centre and its profound understanding of marine global research.

The Centre has been receiving generous grants from the University Grants Commission and the Department of Ocean Development and has grown from strength to strength. Sponsored projects, funded by different international and national agencies, totalling 32, have been executed by the faculty members, as well as by research scholars of the Centre. The Centre has been offering a two year post graduate course in M.Sc., Marine Biology and Oceanography, besides, M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes. It introduced a new two year M.Sc., Course in Coastal Aquaculture from 1988-89, with a student strength of 10. So far 124 research students have been awarded Ph.D. degree, 166 students M.Phil. degree. About 700 research papers have also been published from this Centre.

The work of this Centre has all along been highly commended. Taking into consideration the volume of work carried out by the Centre, the UGC has reorganised this Centre under five functional divisions namely:

1. Division of Physical and Chemical Oceanography
2. Division of Biological Oceanography
3. Division of Physiology, Bio-Chemistry and Microbiology

4. Division of Fishery Science and
5. Division of Marine Ecology and Coastal Aquaculture.

Pollution Monitoring, Bactenological Assessment of Seafood, Oceanographic Cruises, Marine Pollution and Toxicology, Marine Microbiology are the topics of current research.

Special series of lectures by eminent scholars have been the regular feature of the Centre. Several National and International Symposia and Workshops have been conducted by the Centre.

In connection with the Pitchavaram Master Development Programme, Scientists from the National Institute of Designs in New Delhi visited the Centre recently and held elaborate discussions with the Faculty Members. The meeting of the National Committee on Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve was convened at the Centre recently.

It is heartening that the Madras Science Foundation has entrusted the responsibility of conducting the Training Workshop on Biological Parameters as a prelude to the launching of an integrated environmental programme of research on the River *Kaveri*. With well motivated and committed cadres in its Faculty, under guidance of Prof. K. Ayyakkannu, Director, the Centre is assiduously striving its best to be a Seat of Excellence.

Department of Geology

The Department of Geology was started in 1953 and has an established standing. It has been offering M.Sc. degree course in Geology since 1958. Now, it has eight members of teaching staff besides a Geochemical Analyst, a Section Cutter and besides a few non-teaching personnel. It has also a motor vechicle for the purposes of field-work which forms an important component of the Geology Curriculum. The present student strength is about 90.

The courses offered are M.Sc. Geology and a Post M.Sc. Diploma Course in Hydrogeology. The syllabus of the M.Sc. Course has much applied orientation and includes subjects like Geophysical and Geochemical Prospecting, Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology, Environmental Geology, Photogeology, Mining Geology and Mineral Dressing. The Post M.Sc. Diploma Course is an inter-disciplinary one and is conducted with the collaboration of the Civil Engineering Department.

The Department has well-equipped laboratories, a good library and a museum which offers all facilities for Postgraduate teaching and research. The Department has turned out two M.Scs, (by research), 7 M.Phils and 3 Ph.Ds, and has also published about 40 research papers. At present there are 6 part time Ph.D. scholars and one full time Ph.D. researcher and 5 full time M.Phil students. The department is headed at present by Thiru M.S. Seetharaman, and has four Readers and six Lecturers.

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Department of Tamil Studies and Research

The Tamil Department's origin can be traced back to the Tamil College, started by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, which later became an integral part of the Tamil Department of the University.

The Department had been headed by eminent scholars like Prof. K. Subramania Pillai, Swami Vipulananda, Navalar Somasundara Bharathiar, Mahamahopadyaya Pandithamani Kathiresan Chettiar and similar other savants. Owing to the devoted work of the successive Heads of the Departments and distinguished faculty members that include scholars like Mahamahopadyaya Dr. V.V. Swaminatha Iyer, Maha Vidwan R. Raghava Iyengar, Navalar N.M. Venkatasamy Nattar, Dr. R.P. Sethu Pillai, Thiru T.V. Sadasiva Pandarathar, that the Department has risen to the present position and repute. Many branches of Tamil Studies in Literature, Grammar, Philology, Saiva Siddhantha have been nurtured by these great scholars. Now the Department is headed by Dr. AR. Alagappan.

The M.A., Degree Course in Tamil was first introduced in the Annamalai University. It has also been the first in the country to award doctorates in Tamil by research. Prof. A. Chidambaranatha Chettiar was the first recipient of the Ph.D., Degree in Tamil.

During the sixty years of its history, the Department has successfully implemented several research programmes. It has brought out sixteen volumes of the Variorum Edition of *Kambaramayanam,* which brought international acclaim to the University. The University has collected old manuscripts from every nook and corner of the country, collated them, and brought them out in monumental editions. Five volumes of the History of Tamil Literature, one on Tholkappiyam, another, on Saiva Literature, yet another, on Religious Literature, and still another, on the Literatures of the 3rd, 4th and 5th century, and the fifth volume on the 13th, 14th and 15th century Literatures were brought out by the University. Another important publication is *A Critical History of Twelve Thirumurais* in two volumes. The Sahithya Akademy rightly entrusted the work of compiling *The National Bibilography of Book of Literary Merit* to this University. *A Bibilography of Tamil Men of Letters* in three volumes has been compiled, on the model of the *Oxford Companion to English Literature.* It includes references to some six thousand Tamil poets.

The famous editions of *Yapparungalakkarikai, Nannool, Nambi Agapporul,* and *Purapporul Venbamalai* are also noteworthy publications of the Department.

Many Tamil books on scientific subjects have also been brought out by this Department in collaboration with the Faculty of Science. Likewise, publications on Tamil Music have also been brought out. This department so far, has published 201 books on various subjects.

The Department has conducted more than seventy seminars since 1929.

A National Seminar on "Patriotism in Indian Literature" was conducted from 21st to 23rd March, 1986.

The Tamil Writers' Conference was held from 22nd to 24th March, 1987.

The Department has so far produced 35 Ph.Ds. and 121 M.Phils., Degrees.

The Department also conducts the Aaivarangam and Tamil Peravai.

The Tirukkural Chair was instituted in 1970 as a result of the Second World Tamil Conference held in Madras. The Government of Tamil Nadu has given the financial aid to create this Chair in the University.

Six eminent scholars have served in the Tirukkural Research Section, and eight books were published by them. The Chair is now occupied by Dr. R. Sarangapani. He has undertaken Variorum Edition of the *Kural*.

There are at present 14 members of the teaching staff and 69 students.

Among the fourteen teaching staff seven have got their Ph.D., Degrees and two have submitted their theses for the Degree this year.

One M.Phil., student gets Rs. 1,000/- every year from the endowment of PL. Ramaswamy Ponnalagammai. Certificate Course in Folklore and Journalism are conducted in the evenings.

New subjects like Computer Study, Temple and Temple Worship, Management of Temple and General Management are included in the M.A., syllabus.

Every student of Tamil M.A., course gets nearly Rs.500/- every year as incentive from the endowments of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar and Thiruppanandal Sri Kasimadam.

An *Annotated Bibliography of Grammar* is being compiled. The sixth volume of the *Journal of Indian Language* has been published.

The Bharathiar Centenary Endowment Lectures, instituted by the Tamil Nadu Government, are being conducted every year. This apart, Special Lectures, with the aid of the University, and lectures under 14 different endowments are delivered every year.

Department of Sanskrit

From the days of the Meenakshi College, eminent scholars had directed Sanskrit Studies in the University. M.A., M.Litt., Ph.D. and the Four-Year Siromani Course in all Sastras were offered by the Department.

Between 1930 and 1940, a number of research publications, in Sanskrit were brought out under the title, "Annamalai University Sanskrit Series." The late Mahamahopadhyaya S. Dandapaniswami Dikshitar, the doyen among Sanskrit Grammarians and the first Principal of the then Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar Sanskrit College, became later Lecturer in the University Department and edited 'Sabhapativilasanataka.' Mahamahopadhyaya Vidyavachaspati Prof. S. Kuppuswami Sastri and Prof. Rama Pisharoti were internationally known for their research contributions. Prof. V.A. Ramaswami Sastri edited Vachaspatimisras *Tatvabindu,* a valuable contribution to

the literature of Purvamimamasa School. His *Jagannatha Pandita* is a treatise on the life and works of a great rhetorician of the Shah-jejan period. The other publications of the Department are:

1. *Swarasiddhanta Chandrika* : Sri. K.A. Sivaramakrishna Sastri
2. *Bhavanaviveka of Mandanamisra* : Sri K.A. Sivaramakrishna Sastri & Prof. V.A. Ramaswami Sastri.
3. *Vivarana, a commentary on Vyatpativada* : Panditaraja V. Subramanya Sastri
4. *Vidhivimarasa-Sabda-Tarangini etc.* : Panditaraja V. Subramanya Sastri
5. *The Philosophy of Aesthetic Pleasure* : Sri. P. Panchapagesa Sastri
6. *History of Sanskrit Literature* (In Tamil) : Dr. P.S. Subramanya Sastri
7. *A History of Sanskrit Language* (In Tamil) : Dr. P.S. Subramanya Sastri
8. *Thonivilakku* (In Tamil) : Dr. P.S. Subramanya Sastri
9. *Patanjali Mahabhashya* : Dr. P.S. Subramanya Sastri
10. *Tolkappiam Cholladhikaram* (In English) : r. P.S. Subramanaya Sastri

Dr. C.S. Venkateswaran, Professor and Head of the Department for a long period, published several research papers on Vedic and Epic works and produced a number of M.Litts and Ph.Ds.

At present the following Courses are conducted.

1. M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.
2. Certificate and Diploma Courses (Part-time).

Dr. S. Srinivasa Sarma, now the Head of the Department, has edited *Vrttamanimala*of Mahamahopadhyaya Ganapati Sastri, with an introduction and critical notes in Sanskrit. He has also published his poetical compositions on modern subjects (more than 60) in several Sanskrit journals. His new book on the Sanskrit Dramatic Literature *(வடமொழிநாடக இலக்கிய வரலாறு)*has been published by the University.

Eight scholars have successfuly completed their M.Phil. research.

Department of Hindi

The Department of Hindi and Urdu was inaugurated on 2.7.1971. Dr. S. Gulam Rasool was Reader and Head of the Department and Dr. Akbar Hussain, lecturer. Hindi was offered to the students of B.A., B.Sc., classes under Part I and as an optional subject for B.Com. students. Besides, Certificate and Diploma Courses were offered as part-time courses. Research for Ph.D. in both Hindi and Urdu, is done by some.

In 1982, after the undergraduate courses were shed, Hindi was offered for Foundation Courses, B.A., B.Sc., courses under part I. of the Correspondence Courses. Meanwhile, a new course, namely, Postgraduate Diploma in Translation, Administrative Drafting, and Reporting in Hindi was started. In 1982-83 students joined a P.G. Diploma Course in Translation. An M.A. in Hindi Translation is being started from this academic year i.e. from 1989-90. This apart,the Department of Hindi has already produced a few M.Phils and Ph.Ds in Hindi literature. Good research facilities for M.Phil. and Ph.D. are available in the Department.

Faculty of Engineering and Technology

Realising the urgent need for Engineers, immediately after the Second World War, for the reconstruction and development of our nation, the Government of Madras gave permission to the Annamalai University, to start the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, with a grant of Rs. 1 lakh, in 1945. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology was started with two departments, Engineering and Technology, with an intake of 90 and 30, respectively. The Engineering Department offered B.E. Courses in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. The Technology Department offered B.E. Degree Course in Chemical Engineering. In the First Year, basic courses were conducted, utilising the infrastructure in the Science Faculty. At the same time, separate buildings for Workshop, Survey Laboratory, S.M. Laboratory and Mechanical Engineering Laboratory were built, near the Railway Station. Subsequently Alagappa Chettiar Technology Block was built, for which Dr.Rm. Alagappa Chettiar donated Rs.5 lakhs. The main Engineering Block, to house the Engineering Departments, was immediately constructed with grants from the Government and the University. A hostel for students was built out of the donation given by the Maharaja of Travancore. Subsequently, the Hydraulic Laboratory, Steam Laboratory, Internal Combustion Engines Laboratory, Chemical Engineering Block, Structural Engineering Building, Science Block, Electrical Engineering Block and Computer Centre were constructed out of the grants from State and Central Governments, under the Five Year Plan Scheme. With the increase in demand for engineers, the intake was also gradually increased. Hostel accomodation for students was also increased with the addition of three more blocks — Rani Seethai Achi Hostel in 1954, New Block in 1962 and Rani Meyyammai Block in 1970.

Besides B.E. Degree Course in Engineering and Chemical Engineering, Diploma Course in Minor Irrigation was offered in 1945, to meet the urgent demand of overseers in P.W.D. Departments. This was subsequently dropped.

The first batch of Engineering students graduated from the University in 1949.

Dr. K.C. Chacko, an eminent Engineer and retired Principal of the Guindy Engineering College was the first Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. Several eminent professors were appointed to plan and develop the Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The standard of teaching, training and discipline were so high that the engineers who graduated from the University earned a very good name by their performance in competitive examinations.

The following Professors of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, worked for the growth and development of the Faculty of Engineering:

1. Dr. K.C. Chacko 1945-50
2. Prof. P. Venkataramana Raju 1950-54
3. Prof. S. Rajagopal Pillai 1954-58
4. Lt. Col. S. Paul 1958-64
5. Prof. A. Srinivasan 1964-67
6. Dr. SM. Lakshmanan 1967-78
7. Prof. G. Alexandar 1978-79

8. Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan 1979-86
9. Dr. AN. Andiappan 1986-

Post-Graduate Courses

Annamalai University started the M.E. Course in Structural Engineering, the first of its kind in India as early as 1953. The following Post-Graduate courses were also started in other disciplines subsequently.

1. Public Health Engineering.
2. Water Management.
3. Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering.
4. Industrial Engineering and Agricultural Engineering which were later dropped.
5. Thermal Engineering.
6. Power Systems.
7. Digital Electronics.
8. Chemical Engineering.
9. Production Engineering.

M.E. Courses are of a two year duration, consisting of course work and research as per the UGC guidelines. The Computer Centre was started in 1977, with the grant of Rs.42 lakhs from the UGC. This has been subsequently developed further with more facilities. The following courses are offered by the Computer Centre:

1. Master of Computer Applications.
2. Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Applications.
3. Diploma Course in System Analysis and Data Processing.
4. Certificate Course in Computer Programming by Correspondence.

With the rapid development of new techniques and specialisation in the field of Engineering and Technology, the need for diversification of the course was realised and the Annamalai Universty was the first to introduce new specialised disciplines in Civil and Structural Engineering, Mechanical and Production Engineering and Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering in 1978, at the under graduate level.

A course in B.E. Degree in Computer Sciences was started in 1989.

The Department of Pharmacy, which was originally included in the Faculty of Medicine, has now been transferred to the Engineering and Technology Faculty as per the AICTE norms. The Department has been offering Diploma Course and Degree Course in Pharmacy since 1982.

Women students were admitted to the Engineering Faculty only from 1980. A waiting room and a cycle shed were constructed separately for women students. At present, the women students are housed in the women's hostels meant for Arts and Science students. Now the UGC has sanctioned a grant for the construction of a separate hostel for women students in the engineering courses.

Curriculum

The course contents of the various branches of study are periodically reviewed and revised, taking into account the Technological advancements, all India Competitive Examinations and the social needs. Semester system, continuous internal assessment, elective subjects and S.I. Units, were introduced well in time. This is the first Engineering Institution in the South to introduce the examination reform as per the latest directive from the UGC.

Teachers

The Junior teachers of this Faculty frequently attend summer/winter schools

on current topics, held in various parts of the country, to update their knowledge. The elders often deliver special lectures at such schools.

Researchwork and Consultancy Service

Research activity was started as early as 1954 in the Civil Engineering Department by the investigation of the application of pre-stressing to stone beams, by Prof. G.S. Ramaswamy. Later, research on prestressed concrete was conducted by Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan in the Structural Engineering Department and a report was submitted to the CSIR. The main thrust of research in the Structural Engineering Department was on material technology using fly ash and soil cement for stabilisation, and also the development of process for the manufacture of paddy husk cement out of the paddy husk waste from Rice Mills and Lime Waste from industries, as partial substitute for normal cement for limited purposes. This project was successfully completed in 1985. To establish the practical utility and economical viability of this cement, an experimental L.I.G. housing unit has been constructed for demonstration. The Structural Engineering Department has also taken up consultancy work for soil investigation and design of structures.

The Civil Engineering Department has specialised expertise and developed the technique for the estimation of air pollution due to Thermal Power Stations and suggest remedial measures. They have undertaken several projects of pollution estimation and control for thermal power stations in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka States and have submitted reports to the Governments concerned.

The Mechanical Engineering Department has done pioneering work and achieved notable results in the utilisation of Solar Energy, especially for drying grains. They have developed gadgets like Solar Cookers, Water Heaters, Air Heaters Stills etc., and also equipment for large scale drying of paddy in mills. Several publications have appeared in National and International Journals. In recognition of the work done by the Department on Solar Energy, the National Solar Energy Convention was convened in 1980 in the University when several international Professors participated. The collaborative research project between the Colorado State University and Annamalai University on Solar Energy applications, funded by the USAID and the Indian Government, was successfully completed. In appreciation of the work the University has been selected for further collaborative research under the Indo-USAID Programme.

The Electrical Engineering Department has taken up various research programmes. A number of research papers in the field of digital simulation of large scale power systems had been presented in National and International Seminars. Several software packages relating to the Digital simulation of large scale power systems were developed in association with the Computer Centre. The Power Engineering Trained Society, Neyveli utilised these packages.

The Department of Production Engineering has taken up research in the area of Phase equilibria and measurement of physical properties, fluid flow, extraction and drying.

The Department is involved in consultancy services for small and medium

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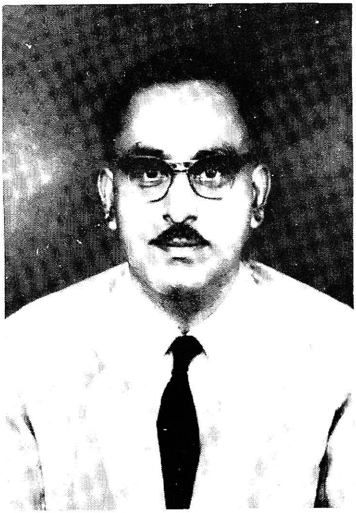

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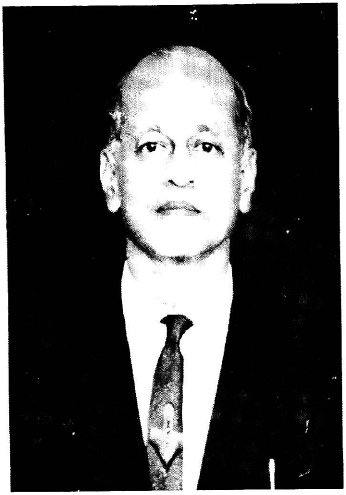

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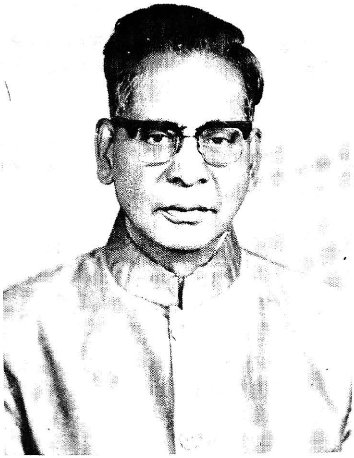

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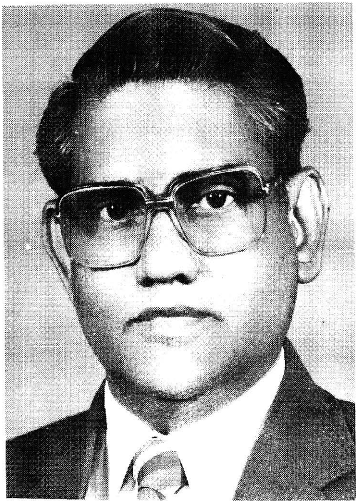

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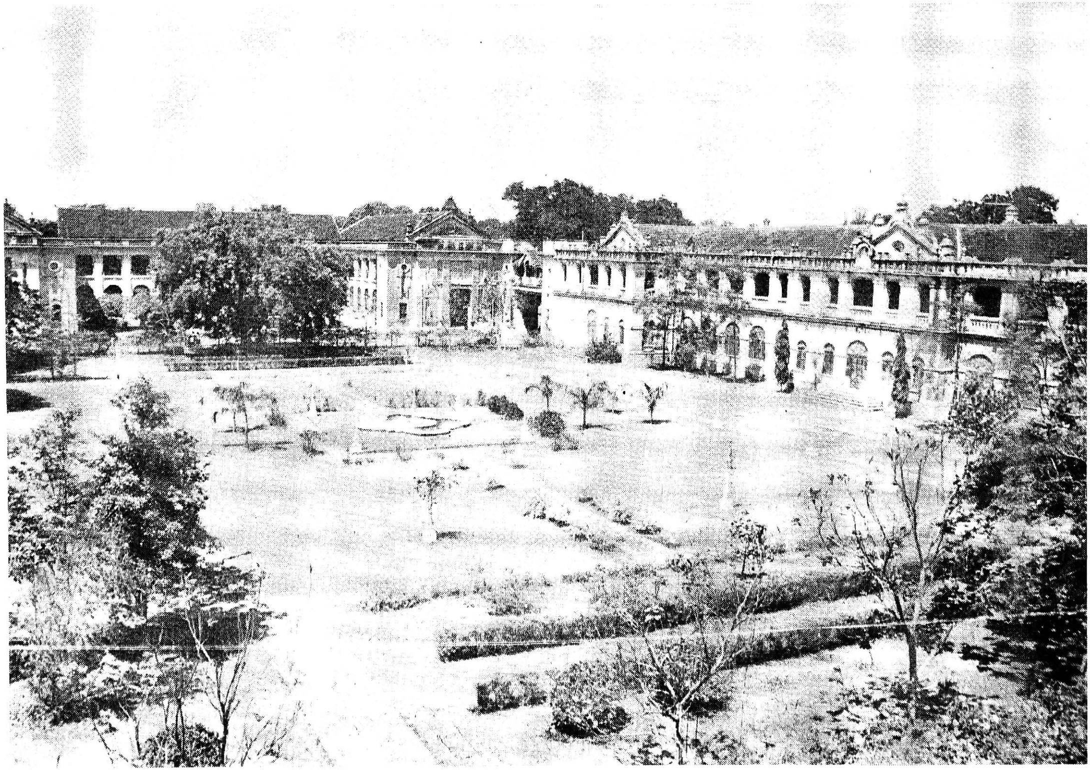
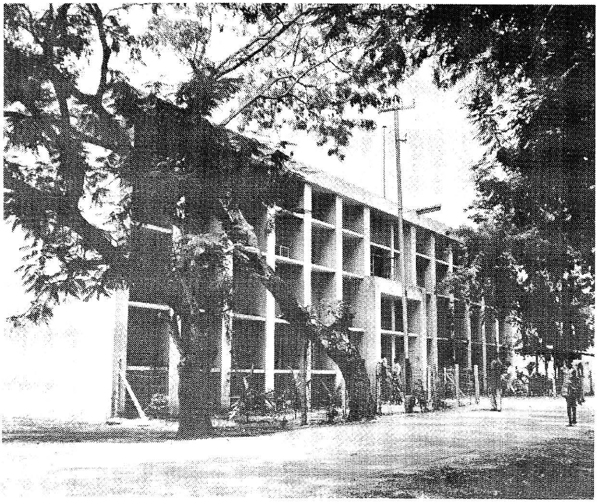


A view of the Meenakshi College now faculties of Arts and Indian Languages



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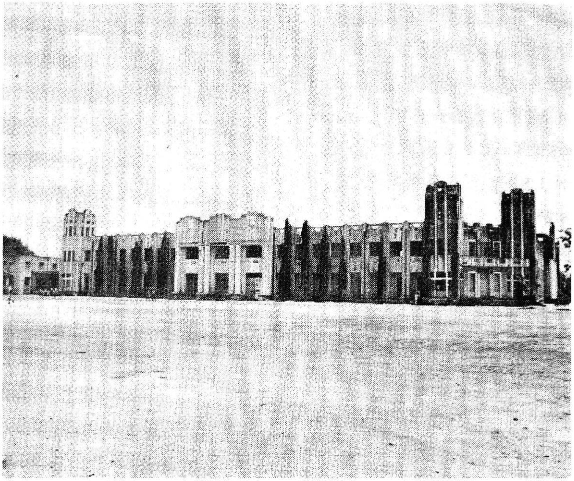

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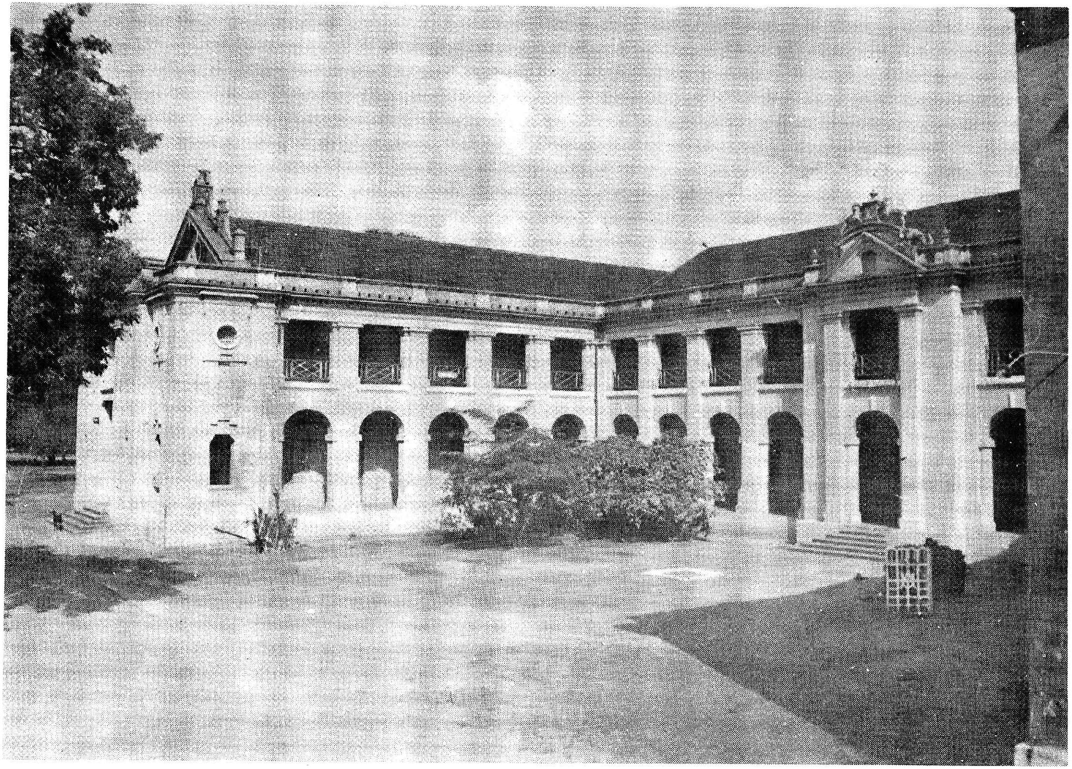
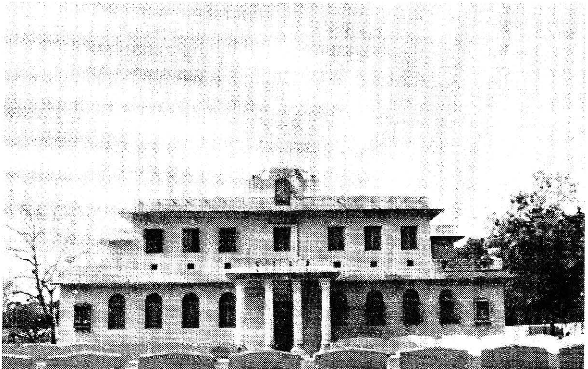


The Old Oriental Building

Dr. R.K. Shanmugam Chettiar Building



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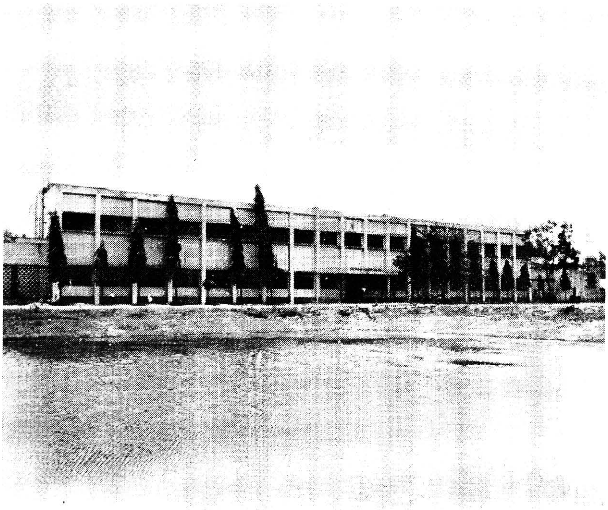

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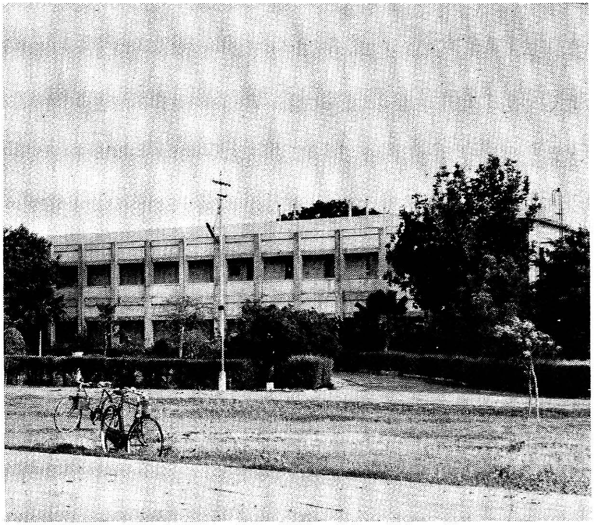

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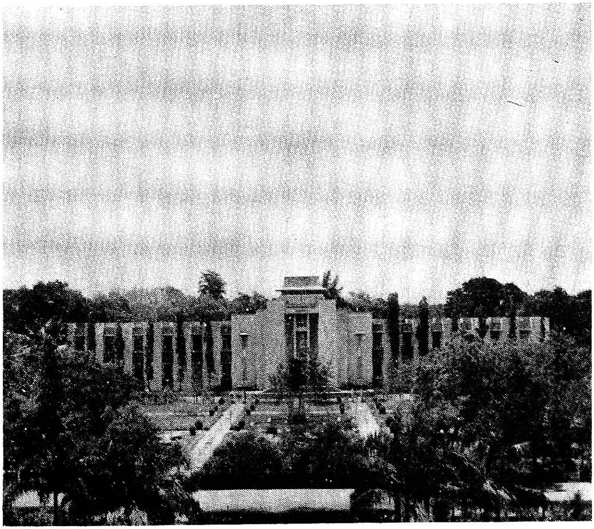
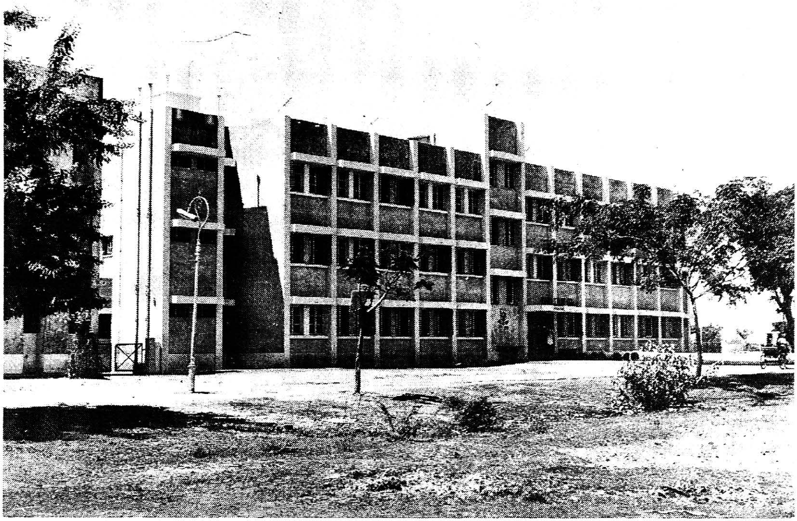


Sir C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Library



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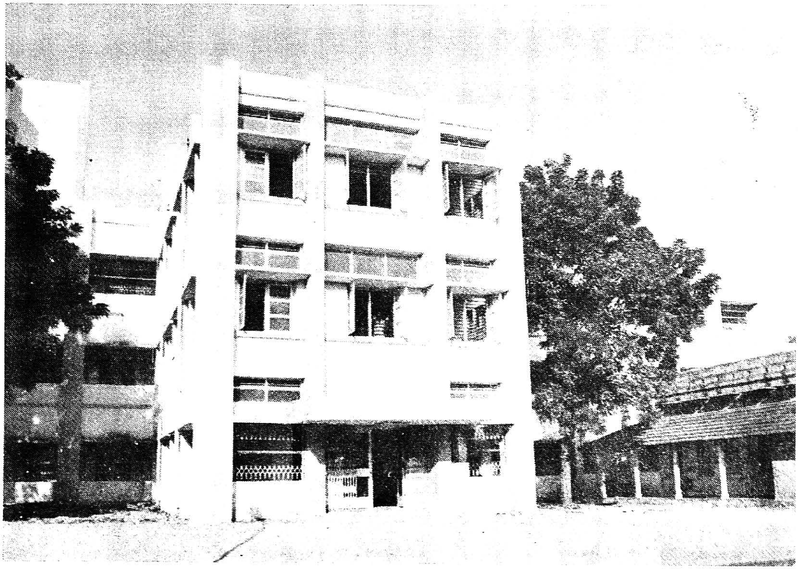

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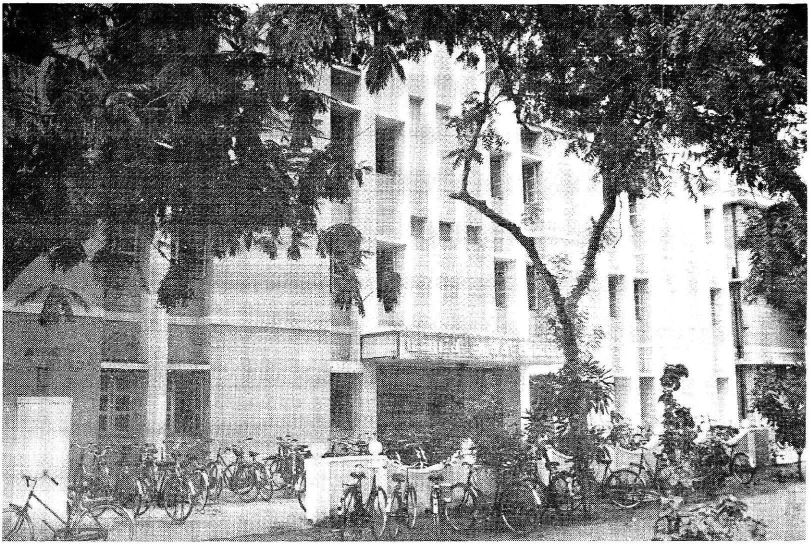
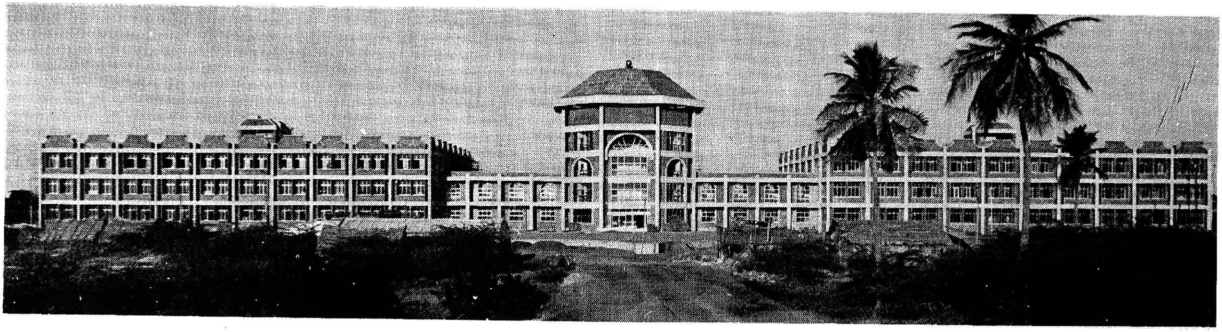
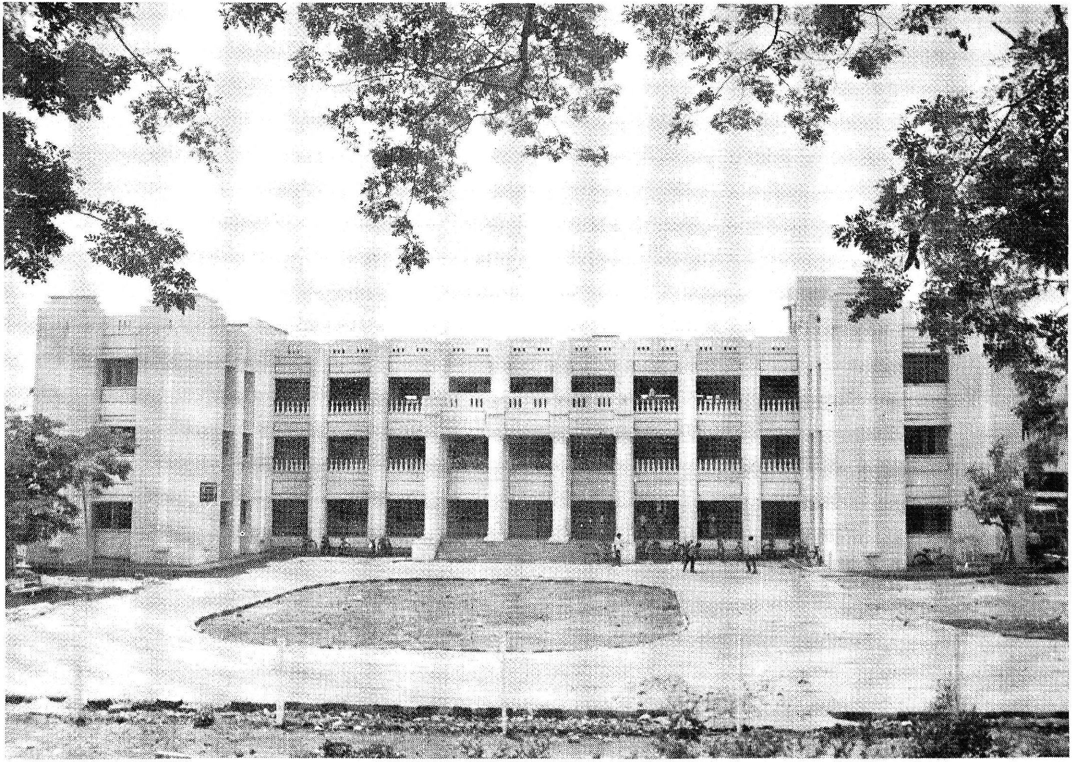


The Meenakshi Achi Hostel

Medical College Staff Quarters



A view of the Medical and Dental College Building



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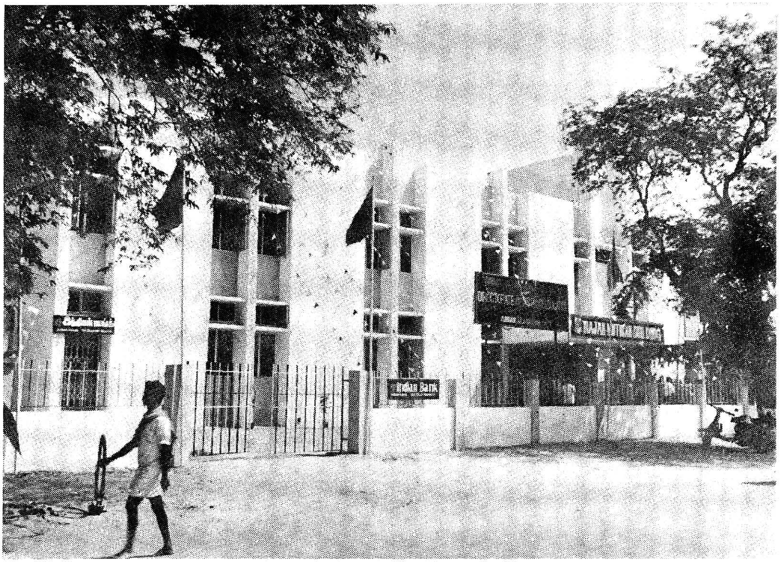

Directorate of Distance Education.

Solar Drying Equipment

industries for Pilot Plant Studies. The process evolved for the manufacture of Copper Sulphate from Copper Ore, Sodium Silicate from paddy husk ash and the refining of cashew nut shell liquid to ISI specification, deserve special mention.

Extension Service

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Government of India selected Annamalai University for establishing the Regional Centre for Extension Service-Modernisation of Rice Processing in 1977. This Centre has made innovative modification in modernising Small Scale Rice Mills and the utilisation of bye-products. The Centre has been conducting conferences in the various district head-quarters in Tamil Nadu and Kerala to propagate the advantages of modern techniques in Rice Milling. The Centre also conducts regular training programmes for the benefit of the Rice Millers, Technicians and Government officials. There is a proposal to establish a Rural Development Centre to give a new thrust and direction to socially relevant and community oriented research projects and transfer the technology for rural uplift. National seminars and workshops on modern developments in Engineering and Technology are periodically conducted by all the departments with grants from U.G.C. The Computer Centre offers consultancy and Data Processing Services to the University Departments and Industries.

Co-curricular Activities

The students have taken active interest and earned distinction in co-curricular activities, especially in sports. Sri A. Rajan, a student of the Structural Engineering Department has not only won the Inter University and National Championship but also won a Gold Medal at the Tokyo Games in 800 metres. Similarly Sri Balamuruganandam of the Chemical Engineering Department won the Inter-University and National Games titles and set up a National Meet Record in Weight-lifting and he has won several awards in international meets in Russia and East European countries. Out of the Five Inter Engineering Athletic Sports Meet, conducted in Tamil Nadu so far though our University could participate only twice we won the individual and team championships on both the occasions. They also won the team championship and individual championship twice in the All India Engineering Sports Meet held at the Regional Engineering College, Warangal.

The students of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, have won trophies, especially in Basketball, Volleyball and Athletics in several State Meets.

The student have actively participated in the NCC, which has enabled many of them to join the Active Services. With the introduction of the National Service Scheme, five units, each of 100, have been raised in the Engineering and Technology Faculty and they have done notable services in the uplift of the rural areas around Chidambaram, winning the appreciation of all concerned. The students also take active part in voluntary service organisations like Leo Club and Rotract Club of the University.

Every Department has a Students' Association and Student Chapter of Institution of Engineers (India). There is also a Chapter of Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (USA) - These forums expose the students to latest technological

developments through guest lectures, weekly seminars, inter departmental seminars and education tours.

Entrepreneur development seminar is organised for all final year students every year. Various financial institutions and Industries and Promotion Agencies participate in these seminars.

40 Year Saga Celebrations

The Faculty celebrated the Fortieth Anniversary during the month of January 1988 to highlight the achievements of the Faculty in the past 40 years. Apart from the present students, a large number of alumni took part in the various activities of the Celebrations. Further, the alumni have generously donated a sum of Rs.10 lakhs for the construction of a building to meet our needs.

The Engineering and Technology Faculty has earned a reputation for high standard of Teaching, Research and Extension Service during these forty years. With liberal grants from the State and Central Government for modernisation of laboratories and the starting of new courses in emerging areas, the faculty is poised for further growth and development.

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Department of Education

The Department of Education, one of the oldest departments in the University, came into existence in 1955. The Department grew from strength to strength with increase in number of students and courses. With the B.Ed. programme, and a strength of about 50 students to begin with, it started more courses in the successive years like the Diploma in Teaching Tamil, M.Ed. (Regular), Winter-cum-Summer M.Ed., M.H.Ed. M.Phil. (inter-disciplinary), M.Phil. (Sequential), and Ph.D., Programmes in successive years. The Depart-ment has a well-developed library of its own with about 4000 books and over thousand periodicals, (both Indian and foreign). The Department also has a fully equipped laboratory for conducting experiments in Psychology, and also facilities for Computer Education, and Media for Mass Education including Three Personal Computers, N & T Printers, Television, Video-Cassette Recorders, etc. When the Department was started, Prof. Ramanujachari was the Head of the Department; and he was successively followed by Prof. K.U. Rao, Dr. K.K. Pillai, and for a short period by Mr. Ramachandran and Dr. S. Rajagopalan. At present, the Department is headed by Dr. K.K. Pillai, and the staff includes 2 Readers and 12 lecturers.

The Department continues its contacts with a large number of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools and caters to their academic needs.

Research is an integral part of the activities of the Department. Research is incorporated into the M.Ed., and M.Phil., curriculum. Further, a number of scholars are involved in Research at a higher level. Since its inception, the Department has been running its Ph.D. programme so ably that it could help a number of scholars to receive Ph.D. in Education. Six researchers have already received their Ph.D. Degrees and 14 more are on the rolls of the Ph.D., programme, and they do investigation in a variety of areas including Value Education, Teaching Effectiveness, School Climate, Internal Supervision, Scientific Attitude, Creativity and Problem Solving, Self Instructional Modules, and Scholastic Achievement.

Department of Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy was started in 1929, with the object of promoting South Indian Philosophy. Dr. Saileswar Sen, was appointed the first Reader and Head of the Department. When he left the Department after a period of three years, Prof. R. Ramanujachariar took over and served as Head for twenty-five years. In the next eighteen years the Department was headed by Dr. S.P. Adinarayan. Then Mr. C. Ramalingam took charge of the Department during 1975-77. For eight months, the Department was headed by Dr. R. Kollappa Pillai. After him Dr. A.S. Pillai became the Head of Department, from 1.8.1978.

The Department conducts research and trains students at Post-graduate and research levels and is staffed by one Professor, two Readers and two Lecturers.

The following courses are offered

M.A. - Philosophy
M.A. - Gandhian Thought
(Subject to Approval)
M.Phil. - Philosophy
P.G. Diploma in Gandhian Thought
P.G. Diploma in Ramalinga Philosophy
D.Litt. - Philosophy

All the staff and students of the Department meet every Wednesday at a Seminar where papers are presented and discussed.

All India Seminars and Summer Institutes

The Department provides for exchange of knowledge on a wider scale also by organising All India Seminars with the assistance of University Grants Commission. Two such seminars were held, one in October 1978, and another, in March 1980. The themes were (1) The Philosophy of the Mother and Sri Aurobindo (1978) and (2) Gandhian Thought (1980).

In addition, on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Philosophical Society, the Department of Philosophy used to conduct a One-Day Convention every year on a particular theme.

The Department also conducted an All India Summer Institute from 10th to 30th August 1981 (21 days) on "Philosophy of Religions", with Dr. A.S. Pillai as the Director.

So far 13 Ph.D., and 36 M.Phil., Degrees have been awarded.

Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology was established, in 1961-62, with five Post-Graduate students. The B.A. Psychology Course existed for 21 years, from July 1962 to June 1983.

The credit for introducing Psychology as a discipline of study at the University, goes to the sustained efforts of Dr. S.P. Adinarayan. He prepared the congenial ground to start Psychology at the M.A. level and his dream blossomed into reality within 4 years of his assumption of office as Professor.

During the formative stage, the Department of Psychology had actually functioned along with the Department of Philosophy for a couple of years, and Dr. S.P. Adinarayan was the Professor and Head of both the Philosophy and Psychology Departments. Subsequently a bifurcation took place, and the Department of Psychology had a separate existence.

The widespread popularity of the Psychology course in the University, can be attributed to the M.A. Psychology course by Correspondence Education since July 1980. A course of this type under Distance Education was the first of its kind in the country. In recent years, B.A. Psychology, M.A. Psychology and Foundation Course through Correspondence have become great attractions.

Prof. M. Rajamanickam succeeded Dr. S.P. Adinarayan, as Professor and Head. On his retirement, Dr. B. Viswanathan has been appointed Professor Head, from 1989. Five Ph.D. Degrees, two M.Litt. Degrees and twelve M.Phil. Degrees have been so far awarded.

In 1964 and 1967, two Psychology Exhibitions were conducted. Both the Exhibitions were a great success as they were well attended by the general public.

Every year, special lectures, sponsored by the University, are arranged and eminent Psychologists deliver valuable lectures. The last special lecture was given by Dr. S. Sathappan, Professor of Psychology, Presidency College, Madras, in March 1988.

Department of Physical Education and Sports Science

When Annamalai University was established in 1929 the Department of Physical Education (as originally known) was started. In the early years, the Department was headed by Dr. L. Govindarajalu, and Mr. C. Aiyaru. Upto 1974, the Department of Physical Education was concerned with service programme — organising Intramural Competitions and also Inter-University Competitions for the students of the University.

From July 1974, for the first time, a one year B.PEd., professional course for training teachers in Physical Education was introduced by Mr. C. Thirunavukkarasu, the then Head of the Department. A one year M.P.Ed., programme was started by Mr. PR. Ramanathan, from 1981-82 session onwards when he was the Head.

To involve inservice teachers, M.P.Ed. (S) Course (2 summers) was started in 1984 by the University authorities under the guidance of Mr. PR. Ramanathan. He also started for the first time the B.P.Ed. Summer Course (2 summers) from 1986.

In 1986, the name of the Department changed to "Department of Physical Education & Sports Science" and for the first time, M.Phil. course in Physical Education and Sports Sciences was started by Dr. M. Robson, who succeeded Mr. PR. Ramanathan as the Head of the Department. The M.Phil. Course is now in its fifth session, and 4 batches have already completed the Course.

Prof. S. Srivatsan joined the Department of Physical Education & Sports Sciences as Director & Head, in July 1989, and under his guidance, the following courses have been prepared to be started from the academic session 1990-91 and 1992-93.

1. 1990-91 .. 3 Years B.P.E.S. programme with provision for +2 students with sports achievements to join this courses.

2. 1992-93 .. 2 Years re-organised M.P.E.S. Courses with emphasis on Research Methodology, Advanced Sports Coaching and Inter-disciplinary Studies relating to Psychology of Sports, Sociology of Sports, Sports Medicine, etc, will be started.

In view of the above, the present two-year M.P.E.S. Course will be discontinued from the session 1992-93 and also from the session 1990-91, and the present M.P.Ed. Course (one year Course) will be discontinued. However, the Summer B.P.Ed., Programme (2 sessions) and the Summer M.P.Ed. Programme (2 sessions) will continue for one or two more sessions. i.e. 1990-91 & 1991-92 or if necessary upto 1992-93 and 1993-94. At any rate, summer courses for the M.P.Ed. and B.P.Ed. will *be discontinued* with effect from *1993-94 session.*

Achievements

1. Mr. AN. Dhyaneswaran, who studied M.Sc. (Agri) (now an I.A.S. Officer with the

Tamil Nadu State Government) was the Vice-Captain of the Indian Men's Basketball team during the year 1967 at the Asian Basketball Championship held at Seoul (South Korea).

2. Mr. K. Balamuruganandam, a student of the Engineering Faculty, represented India in the Asian Weight Lifting Championship during 1971-72 and won laurels for India.

3. Mr. A. Rajan, a student of the Engineering Faculty, represented India in the Asian Track & Field meet at Tokyo during 77-78 and won a Gold Medal in 800 Mts. Race.

4. Mr. A. Vijayakumar, an ex-student of Annamalai University, represented the Indian Basketball Team for an International meet at Lahore (Pakistan) during 1975-76.

5. Mr. R. Ananda Natarajan, a student of III B.Pharm, achieved outstanding success even as a young athlete of 20 years by representing India in Athletic Competition held at Iran, won Silver Medal, and very recently he was the member of the Indian Athletic Team that took part in the FOURTH SAF games held at Islamabad (Pakistan) in October '89, and set a new record by clocking 10.68 Secs. in the 100 M. Dash. He also won a Gold Medal as a member of the Indian Team in the 4 × 100 M. Relay and a Silver Medal in the 200 M. Dash. Shri R. Ananda Natarajan is now selected to undergo intensive coaching at Delhi (Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium) to participate in the VII Asian Track & Field Meet from 14th to 19th of November 1989, in New Delhi. We expect this promising athlete to bring better honours, greater laurels and higher achievements in the field of Track and Field Sports.

The Department of Physical Education & Sports Sciences is doing its very best to improve the standard of sports and games in the University through the provision of scientific Physical Education, Scientific Coaching and also proper infrastructure for the University Students to do well in the field of athletics, games, and other sports competitions. There is no doubt that under the leadership of highly qualified faculty in the Department of Physical Education & Sports Sciences, the University will have a very bright future in the Inter-University sports, State Sports, National Sports (Inter-State) and International Sports.

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Faculty of Fine Arts

The Music College was started in 1929. The first Principal of the Music College was Sangeetha Kalanithi T.S. Sabesajyeer. Subramaniya Iyer, and Madurai Subramaniya Iyer were then on the faculty.

When the Annamalai University was inaugurated in 1930, the Music College was transferred to the University, with a substantial endowment, and it was constituted into a separate Department that included the Faculty of Oriental Studies, Tamil, and Sanskrit.

In 1937, Sangeetha Kalanithi Tiger Varadhachariyar was the Principal of the Music College. In 1943, a post of Professor of Music was created and Sangeetha Kalanithi K. Ponnaiya Pillai was the first Professor of Music, followed by Thiruppamburam Swaminatha Pillai and later by Chittoor Subramaniya Pillai.

In 1953, a separate Faculty of Fine Arts was started in which a department of painting was included. This Faculty also provided for the inclusion of the Fine Arts like Sculpture, Painting, Architecture, Drawing and Drama.

Isai Arasu MM. Dandapani Desikar was the Dean of Fine Arts and Head of the Department of Music from 1955, followed by Dr. Madurai Somasundaram from 1977 and Dr. Seerkazhi S. Govindarajan from 1985.

At present Sangeetha Bushana S.V. Parthasarathi heads the Department.

The department offers the following courses now:

Isaimamani Title Course in which Vocal, Veena, Violin, Nadaswaram, Thavil, Mirudangam are taught;

Natanamamani Title Course in Bharathanattya, and B. Music, which is a professional Degree Course of 3 years duration, are also offered.

The total strength of the students, in the Department is 125. There are 12 members of the staff in the Department.

The Department has a number of talented students who have won laurels for the University both here and abroad. Some of their concerts have been recorded on cassettes. Other musicians are regular broadcasters from the All India Radio.

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Faculty of Agriculture

The University's ideal rural environs were taken advantage of in establishing a Department of Agriculture in the Faculty of Science in 1951.

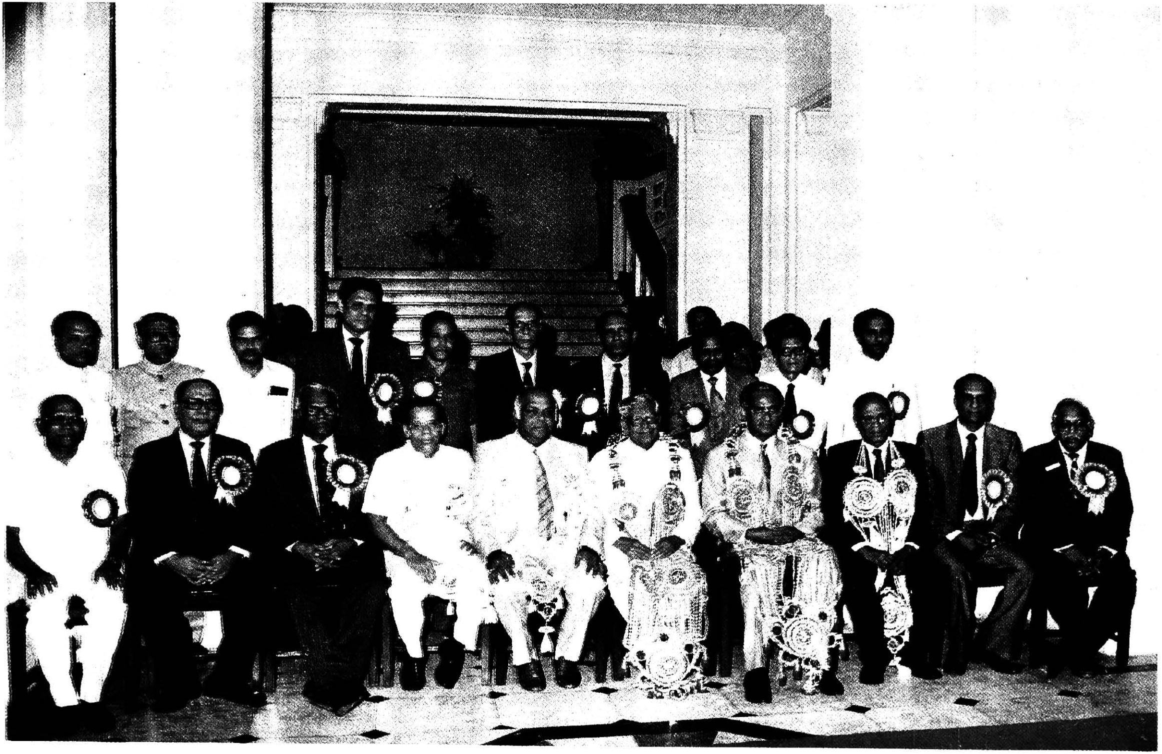
Dr. S. Krishnamurthi, the renowned Horticulturist, was the first Head of the Department of Agriculture from 1951 to 1957. He paved the way for introducing Agriculture as one of the optional subjects for the Intermediate, B.A. and B.Sc. Degree Courses and for starting the M.Sc. (Ag.) in Horticulture in 1955. The professional course in Agriculture was started during 1958-59 by Dr. G. Rangaswami. The college was given a Faculty status in 1963. Dr. G. Rangaswami, a reputed Microbiologist, was at the helm of affairs of the College from 1958 to 1965. He had the distinction of being the first Dean of the Faculty. His tenure of office was the turning point of the Department when it received national and international recognition as a leading agricultural microbiology research unit. The College, Hostel, Farm and Dairy buildings were constructed with the liberal grants from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Tamil Nadu State Government. The M.Sc. (Ag.) course in Microbiology was started for the first time in our country in 1959.

Dr. C.N. Sambandam, the renowned Vegetable Breeder and Geneticist was the Dean of the Faculty from 1965 to 1981. His research on brinjal and melons is well known among vegetable scientists. The high yielding "Annamalai Brinjal" developed by him is popular all over Tamil Nadu and elsewhere. He saw further expansion through the construction of the Agronomy Laboratory, Extension Laboratory, Plant Pathology Laboratory, and the Soil Science Laboratory. A new M.Sc. (Ag.) course in Plant Protection was also started.

In 1981, the Department was bifurcated into four specialized branches Agronomy, Agricultural Botany, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry and Agricultural Microbiology. With the inauguration of two more Departments viz., Entomology and Plant Pathology in 1984 the total number of departments increased to six.

A Post-Graduate course in Agronomy was started in 1978-79. Post-Graduate Courses in Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology and Plant Pathology were started in 1980-1981. Post-Graduate Course in Agricultural Economics was started in 1987-88.

In 1982, Prof. AR. Lakshmanan, took over as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. Prof. Lakshmanan was responsible for the release of a high yielding, drought-tolerant AU 2 rice variety. This rice variety is performing excellently in the highly drought prone Ramnad District. Another important research programme initiated by him is the study on cropping systems of the wetland of the Cauvery basin and introduction of alternative crops during summer. Technology has been developed for successfully cultivating cotton in summer fallows of Thanjavur District and Chidambaram Taluk which may enhance the economic prosperity of the region.



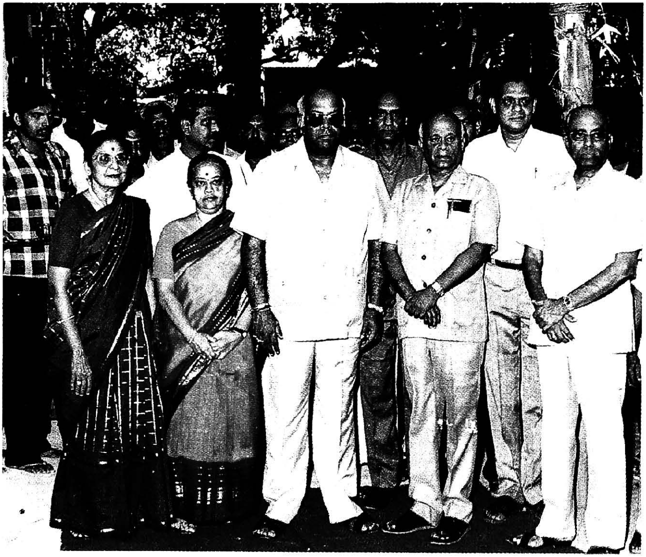
Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences — Inaugurated by His Excellency Rashtrapathi Shri R. Venkataraman on 28th April 1988

The Statue of Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar opened by His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman, President of India

The Rajah Muthiah Memorial Arch

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Pro-Chancellor honouring the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan at the 40 Year Saga Celebrations

Presentation of a memento to His Excellency Rashtrapathi Shri R. Venkataraman on 28-4-1988



Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and Mrs. Ramaswamy at the inauguration of the New Guest House. Also seen in the picture are Mrs. Meena Muthiah, Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan and Dr. S.V. Chittibabu

Ananda Natarajan with His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman President of India and other sports officials

A salt tolerant high yielding rice variety AU 1 has been evolved by the Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science; under the guidance of Dr. S. Chandrasekaran. The Faculty introduced 'Mashuri' variety of paddy, an Indica-Japanica cross in Tamil Nadu and this rice had been recognised by the State Government which has christened it *Ponni*. A high yielding aphid resistant, "Annamalai Brinjal" has been evolved and it has become the farmers' favourite. A new vegetable "Annamalai Tinda" and a delicious fruit "Annamalai Musk Melon" are the new additions to the fruits and vegetables of Tamil Nadu.

Studies of fertiliser use have paved the way in the scope of use of ammoniated lignite as a slow release nitrogenous fertiliser and the lignite fly ash as a source of silica for reducing the fixation of applied phosphorus in laterite soils.

A number of new diseases on rice were also reported and suitable control measures were recommended to the farming community.

An ICAR scheme on the scope of saline water use and on the salt tolerance mechanism of rice varieties was completed under Dr. Chandrasekaran's guidance. During his tenure of office, the problems of space was solved by addition to the first floor to the college main building, construction of Lecture Halls and Canteen. The problem of water scarcity in the Agriculture campus was also solved by sinking a bore well.

Dr. N. Narayana Prasad, assumed office from July 1989 as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. Two USDA - PL - 480 projects on Biochemistry of infected rice plants and one ICAR project, entitled Biological Nitrogen Fixation in the rhizosphere of rice were completed under the guidance of Dr. Prasad. He has invented Lignite as a Carrier material for the production of bio-fertilisers.

The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (DNES), New Delhi, has currently sanctioned two new schemes, one under the guidance of Dr. N. Narayana Prasad to study the microbiological aspects of methanogenesis and the other, under the guidance of Prof. AR. Lakshmanan, on the utilization of Pressmud (sugarcane filter cake) as a supplimentary feed stock for biogas production. A scheme on Agricultural Economics entitled "Socio-economic survey of biogas use in rural households" sanctioned by INES to Dr. Zeaudeen, was completed.

The Entomology Department has been working on bio-types of rice Brown plant Hopper in Cauveri Delta, and on mango pests. A research project in insect pathology was recently sanctioned to Dr. P. Narayanaswami, Reader in Entomology, by the Department of Environment and Forestry, Government of India.

The Faculty has been recognised as a Centre, by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Manila, Phillippines, for screening rice cultivars resistant to tungro vizhs for IRSTON programme, and for IRN-BPH programme. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recognised the Faculty of Agriculture as a Centre for the Co-ordinated Research project on Biological Nitrogen fixation during the VII Five Year plan period.

The Faculty of Agriculture publishes a Research Journal AUARA (Annamalai Uni-

versity Agricultural Research Annual). Also, this Faculty has a Chair in Agricultural Economics, endowed by the Indian Bank.

The Faculty offers short term training programmes to farmers. Plant protection consultancy service is made available to the farming community. A solar Drier with a drying capacity of 1-tonne per day has been installed in the College Farm to demonstrate to the farmers the efficacy of solar drying, particularly for Karuvai paddy, which is usually harvested in monsoon weather.

On the agricultural academic scene, the achievements of the Faculty are really impressive. The Faculty has produced so far 1871 B.Sc. (Ag) graduates, 281 M.Sc. (Ag) graduates and 30 Doctorates. This Institution meets 40% of the technical manpower requirements of the State.

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Faculty of Medicine

The Rajah Muthiah Medical College and Hospital was born on 5th of August 1985, as a self-financing College with an initial intake of 75 students, which was subsequently increased to 100. Teaching was inaugurated on October 14, 1985. Dr. R. Nanjunda Rao, a noted surgeon, was the first Principal.

The Rajah Muthiah Medical College is assisted in planning and development by an Advisory Board consisting of eminent doctors: Dr. M. Natarajan, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. B. Ramamurthi, Neuro Surgeon, Dr. R.S. Rajagopalan, Cardiologist, Dr. A. Venugopal, Urologist and Dr. Gnanadesikan, former Director of Medical Education.

The College was nursed well in the initial stages by Dr. S.V. Chittibabu, the then Vice-Chancellor. Presently, Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan, the Vice-Chancellor, bestows all attention to the academic progress of the College and the Hospital.

Dr. S. Subramanian took over as Principal and Professor and Head of the Department of Microbiology on 1.8.86. He is one, with national and international reputation, having received the B.C. Roy National Award and D.Sc., (Copenhagen). There are also two other National Awardees on the staff viz., Dr. C.R. Sundararajan, Professor of Anatomy and Dr. S. Rama Krishnan, Professor of Bio chemistry. Over twenty divisions of various disciplines are functioning now, manned by a band of Professors, Readers, Lecturers and Tutors adequately supported by Para-clinical and non-clinical staff.

Dr. A. Krishnamurti, Professor of Anatomy and an Anatomist of National and International recognition became the Vice-Principal on 1.9.1987.

To cater to the clinical training of the medical students, two Out-patient Centres, one at Chidambaram and the other at Annamalainagar, have been commissioned, and provided with qualified and trained medical staff. They are attended by 1000 to 1500 patients daily from Chidambaram and neighbouring places. A 350-bed teaching Hospital for in-patient treatment and care was officially started on 2nd October, 1987 at Annamalainagar. It is provided with Operation Theatres, Service Laboratories, Dispensing Section and the division of Imaging Sciences and other Dignostic and Therapeutic Facilities. Dr. C.R. Sundararajan, a Plastic Surgeon of great repute, also a B.C. Roy National Awardee joined as Medical Superintendent of the Rajah Muthiah Medical College Hospital on 22.1.1987. He is assisted by Dr. B. Subbiah, Additional Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ebenezer Wilson, Deputy Medical Superintendent and Dr. M. Ramanathan, Assistant Medical Superintendent. The General Hospital of Neyveli Lignite Corporation was attached to the Rajah Muthiah Medical College on 2nd February 1987. Recently, the Government of Tamil Nadu accorded permission to utilise the services of the Government Kamaraj Hospital, Chidambaram and Government Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore for the training and teaching of the medical students.

To bring the knowledge of medical sciences up-to date, an Academy of

Medical Sciences was inaugurated on 26th February, 1986 and monthly scientific meetings are conducted. Academic meets of experts in medical sciences are also held under its auspices.

The Principal, the Medical Superintendent and the teachers actively participate in National Seminars, Symposia and Conferences and give guest lectures. They also contribute research publications to journals of repute.

A Student Council was formed, with Staff Advisors, to develop qualities of leadership and comradeship among students.

The Board of Studies of Medical Education and the Faculty of Medicine were ushered in on September 7, 1986 and October 9, 1986, respectively, and Dr. Subramanian became the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

A beautiful college building - a piece of exquisite architecture - has been constructed at a cost of about Rs.4 crores and completed in all respects for housing both the Dental and Medical Institute. All the Teaching Departments and connected laboratores are functioning in the new buildings. The old University Hospital has also been expanded and made a teaching hospital with the construction of new buildings, housing 350 beds, a modern operation theatre with all sophisticated surgical equipments, and monitoring unit an intensive care unit and Blood Bank. The new building of the Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences was declared open by His Excellency Rashtrapathi Sri R. Venkataraman, President of India, on April 28, 1988. On the same day, the Rajah Muthiah Medical College Hospital was officially declared open by His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, Governor of Tamil Nadu and Chancellor of the University.

The foundation for the new 750 bed hospital, adjacent to the Medical Institute building, estimated to cost about Rs.10 crores, was laid on November 28, 1988 and construction of out-patient block is in progress. Two separate hostels with an accommodation for 200 students each have been constructed for Medical and Dental Students - one for the boys and the other for the girls.

The Medical Council of India inspected the Medical Institute on July 28, 1988.

The first batch of students admitted in 1985, taught and trained, will be appearing for final MBBS Part II Examinations in April, to graduate in 1990.

The Medical College, situated as it is in a rural setting is dedicated to train its alumni to serve the poor and the non-affluent in villages, unlike alumni of many urban and metropolitan medical colleges, who are reluctant to serve or settle in villages.

The Faculty of Medicine has in its fold the Department of Nursing also which was started in 1984 and which has produced B.Sc., Nursing graduates after a 4 year Nursing Course and 6 months internship training. The Degree has been provisionally recognised by the Nursing Council. Smt. Vijayalakshmi who is Reader in Nursing is in charge of the Department and is assisted by qualified teachers in nursing and supervised by the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

The creation of the Medical College and the Teaching Hospital is in fulfilment of the cherished desire of Padmabhushan Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Founder Pro-Chancellor and his illustrious son Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the present Pro-Chancellor.

Faculty of Dentistry

During the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Annamalai University in 1979, the long cherished dream of the First and Second Founder Pro-Chancellors became true with the inauguration of the Faculty of Medicine. Accordingly, the Department of Dental Surgery was the first to be started under Faculty of Medicine, with the approval of Dental Council of India. The Rajah Muthiah Dental College and Hospital was inaugurated by Dr. H.V. Hande, the then Health Minister of Tamilnadu, under the Presidentship of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar. The Dental College started functioning from December 1980 with an annual admission of 40 students. A building was planned to house the Dental College, with a portion of the building to become a nucleus for a Medical College at a later date. The construction of a multi-crore building was started in 1984. The task left unfinished by the Rajah was appropriately completed by the present Pro-Chancellor, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy.

In December 1983, an All India Dental Conference was conducted by the Dental College. In October 1984, the first batch of Dental students graduated and the Dental Council also accorded recognition. Such a fast and successful progress encouraged the University authorities to open more Departments like Pharmacy in 1982, Nursing in 1984 and Medicine in 1985.

In 1986, the Dental College was accorded an independent status as the Faculty of Dentistry, with the starting of the M.D.S. course in various branches, as approved by Dental Council of India.

In 1988, the Dental College was shifted to the Northern Wing of the Health Sciences Building. The Dental College has established a reputation for itself and the Dental Hospital has earned a name by its yeoman service to the rural population of the South Arcot District.

In fitting recognition, Dr. B. Srinivasan, B.Sc., M.D.S., Dean, Faculty of Dentistry was awarded the "Dr. B.C. Roy National Award."

Judging by the excellent performance and the tremendous progress made by the Dental College within such a short period, Universities from abroad like New Castle upon Tyne, England, and National University of Singapore have approved exchange programmes of students and staff with the Rajah Muthiah Dental College and Hospital.

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Directorate of Distance Education

The Directorate of Distance Education, formerly known as Directorate of Correspondence Courses & Continuing Education, was started in the Golden Jubilee year, 1979, and it is now in its tenth year.

Courses leading to the award of B.Ed. and B.Com. degrees and Diploma-in-law were introduced during the academic year 1979-80. Strength of the students during the year was 6,847. Strength of the Teaching Staff was 10.

During the academic year 1980-81, with the introduction of the Foundation Courses, I Year & II Year, B.A., in History and Sociology, B.Litt., M.A., Courses in Tamil, English, Psychology, History & Sociology, M.Com., M.Sc., Courses in Mathematics & Physics and M.Ed., the strength of the students rose to 13,968 and that of the Teaching Staff to 18.

B.A.L. was introuced during 1981-82 and the student strength went up to 17,307 and that of the Teaching Staff to 23.

M.A. Economics was introduced 1982-83, and correspondingly the strength of the students and staff went upto 24,010 and 25, respectively.

During the year 1983-84 Study Centres were opened in Madras, Tiruchi, Salem, New Delhi, Nagercoil, and Vellore.

Post-Graduate Science Courses in Chemistry and Zoology and Diploma Courses in Business Management were started during the academic year 1984-85.

During 1985-86, B.Sc. Mathematics, B.A. Economics, M.Com. in Tamil Medium and M.Ed., in Tamil Medium were introduced. The strength of the students then was 39, 311 and that of the teaching staff 63. In the same year Professors, were appointed in English, Commerce, Physics, Chemistry and Zoology Sections of the DDE. A Study Centre was opened in Madurai.

The Vice-Chancellor and the Director were deputed to attend the 13th International Conference on Distance Education held at Melbourne, Australia, from 13th to 20th August. 1985.

During the academic year 1986-87, Diploma in Management Laws, Diploma in Criminology and Administration of Criminal Justice, Diploma in Insurance Laws, Post-Graduate Diploma in Personnel Management, Post-Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management and Post-Graduate Diploma in Financial Management were introduced. A Study Centre was opened at Annamalainagar during that year.

During the year 1987-88, B.A. English, B.A. History in Tamil Medium, B.Com., in Tamil Medium, Diploma in Chemical Process, Instrumentation, and Control, Diploma in Concrete Technology and Design of Concrete Structure, Diploma in Maintenance Management, and Certificate Course in Automobile Technology were introduced.

M.Sc. Botany and B.G.L Courses, B.A. Sociology in Tamil Medium were introduced during 1988-89. The strength of the students rose upto 48,879 and the strength of the Teaching Staff went upto 83.

The following courses have been introduced in 1989-90:

Post-Graduate Diploma in Banking

Post-Graduate Diploma in Co-operative Management

Diploma in Construction Management

Every Study Centre is provided with Library facilities. Audio Cassettes on various subjects recorded by experts, are also made available at all Study Centres. Video Cassettes in Science subjects are also available at these Centres.

A Study Centre has been recently opened in Coimbatore, and another one is proposed to be opened in Bangalore.

The Laboratories in Physics, Chemistry, and Zoology have been set up separately for D.D.E. Periodical Contact Seminars are being conducted successfully, for all Courses.

Thus the Directorate of Distance Education offers 45 different courses of study and has the unique distinction of having started, for the first time in India, Post-Graduate Courses in Psychology, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany.

Centre for Adult Education

The Centre for Adult Education Extension purposefully participates in the mass functional literacy programme. It has adopted one hundred villages, and in addition to teaching functional literacy, provides vocational training in tailoring for women belonging to the weaker sections of the community. The Centre has proposed to start a Computer Training Course for them with financial assistance from the State Board of Women's Welfare. The Centre has published a primer for the benefit of the learners.

University Library

The Annamalai University, from its inception, has been striving to maintain a good library. It has been expanding its collection, as well as its services, in tune with the expansion of several Faculties. It is the third biggest library in Tamilnadu, with a collection of nearly four lakhs books besides reports, palm-leaf manuscripts, rare books and other records. The library, originally housed in a part of the Administrative Building, moved over to its spacious, specially designed building, in 1959. It is named after Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, a great administrator and former Vice-Chancellor. It is built on an area of 46,000 sq.ft. and is provided with a Lobby, spacious Central Reading Hall, Reference and Periodicals Hall. Open and Closed Access Stack Rooms, Administrative, Binding and Reprographic Sections. The library conducts a degree course in Bachelor of Library and Information Science (B.L.I.S.) and Certificate course in Library Science (C.L.I.S) and a Certificate course in Reprography & Non-book Materials. It spends about Rs.15 lakhs a year on the purchase of books, journals and periodicals, adding at the rate of approximately 30 books a day. It has also a good collection of Government Documents, Technical Reports and Reviews, to support research activities. The library can boast of a good collection of rare back-volumes of periodicals, especially in the field of Indology. It has also basic collections of non-book materials like microfilms, microfiche, educational films, filmstrips, slides, gramophone records of Indian and Western Music, audio and video cassettes. Adequate staff have been appointed to look after the Library, to provide service to the readers and also reference service to

the Research Scholars, which involves the concept of Current Awareness Service and Selective Dissemination of Information. It undertakes to procure from other libraries books not available in this library on an Inter-Library Loan. Reprographic services, document reproduction by xerox copying or photo copying, microfilming, slides preparation, and audio recording are offered at nominal rates to students.

Besides the Central Library, every department is provided with a library of its own, to give better and immediate service to staff and students.

University Publications

The University's Publications Division, functioning from the year 1931, has published research volumes and other books of renown on a very wide range of subjects.

Special mention may be made of the Tamil translation of Kautilya's *Artha Sastra, History of Vaishanavism, Survey of Farm and Non-Farm Employment of South Arcot District,* and the Variorum Edition of *Kamba Ramayanam.* A series of publications on Tamil Music, a number of research dissertations and doctoral theses on Linguistics and dialectical studies and other subjects, the *History of the Cholas* and treasured treatises on Tamil Language and Literature, and on *Saiva Siddhanta, Panniru Thirumurai,* Saint Ramalinga's *magnum opus,* the *Thiru Arutpa,* along with scholarly annotations in Ten Volumes by Avvai Duraiswamy Pillai, and three volumes of *Siddhar Ilakkiam* by Mi. Pa. Somasundaram, and an English Translation of Dr. Ma. Po. Sivagnanam's *Vallalar Kanda Orumaippadu* as *The Universal Vision of Saint Ramalinga* by Dr. R. Ganapathy, have also been published.

National Service Scheme

The National Service Scheme of the University has the largest number of units in any single institution of higher learning in our State, with a strength of 2000 students. Its staff and students are actively involved in integrated rural development programmes all through the year. They organise rural camps for Work Schemes, Health Care, Adult Education, Social Welfare Schemes, Agriculture Development etc., in several villages the NSS Unit of the University has been acclaimed as one of the best of India, on the basis of its performance. On this ground, the Government of India has requested the University to organise a National Integration Camp in Andaman Islands

National Cadet Corps

The University has 3 NCC Units, namely, (1) 4(TN) Composite Technical Company, NCC (ii) 6(TN) NCC, and (iii) 5(TN) Naval Unit NCC Division V, with a total strength of 550 Cadets. Apart from imparting military training and discipline, it makes the youth physically fit and mentally alert and prepares them to face any challenges in life. The Cadets present the Guard of Honour on ceremonial occasions, to visiting V.I.P.s. In addition to doing social service and manual work, they engage themselves in activities like undertaking long-distance cycle expeditions, rifle shooting, etc.

The University has made it compulsory for every student to participate in anyone of the youth activities, like, NCC, NSS, Sports and Games, Mass Literacy Programme, and Community Health Care, in case of Medical Students.

My Years at the Annamalai University

Dr. P.C. Alexander
Governor, Tamilnadu

In June 1941, when I applied to the Annamalai University for the post of Assistant Lecturer in History and Politics, I had very little hope of getting the job. I had no teaching or research experience; I could not have had any because I had passed my B.A. (Hons.)/M.A. examination from the Maharaja's College of Arts, Trivandrum, only six weeks earlier. I was aware that applicants from the Annamalai University might get preference over me, as I was from another University. A more serious minus point in my case was my age. I had just crossed twenty and I knew that I might be considered too young for a teaching job in a University.

I vividly recall my interview with Sir K.V. Reddy, the Vice Chancellor. As soon as I stepped into his office, he asked in a rather loud and obviously disapproving tone 'How old are you? How old are you?'. I thought I had lost the job even before the interview started. The answer to his question was there in my application which was before him. I could see that he was finding it difficult to accept that a twenty year-old could be a teacher in his University. I replied rather apologetically: "Twenty Sir." He then asked me in the same disapproving tone whether I knew that there were students in the University much older than me and how I thought I would be able to control my classes. My replies to this and subsequent questions must have obviously satisfied him and I was offered the job inspite of his initial adverse reaction to my age. I joined as Assistant Lecturer during the first week of July 1941.

The History and Politics Department of the Annamalai University at that time was a star-studded one. Diwan Bahadur C.S. Srinivasachariar, who was a member of the viva voce board for my B.A. (Hons.)/ M.A. examination was the Head of the Department. Mr. R. Sathianatha Iyer and Mr. R. Bhaskaran who were well-known authorities in their respective subjects, namely, Indian History and Political Science, were my senior colleagues. In the company of these eminent scholars, I was conscious of my inadequacies as a novice, but I had the good fortune of receiving their full encouragement and support and this gave me a lot of self-confidence.

My age soon presented another problem. I was keen to register for Ph.D., but Prof. Srinivasachariar thought that I was too young for a doctorate. The University had not so far awarded Ph.D. to anyone in the Arts Faculty, and Prof. Srinivasachariar was not prepared to accept the prospects of a 22 or 23 year-old becoming the first Ph.D. in History in the University. He suggested instead that I should do an M.Litt. first and then think of registering for Ph.D. I took my M.Litt. in two years and since with my M.Litt. I was eligible to

register straight for a D.Litt. I did so, instead of registering for a Ph.D. I continued my research for my D.Litt. even after I left the University and had the honour of becoming the first D.Litt. of the University in 1946.

The most unique feature of campus life at Annamalai Nagar was its extra-curricular activities. There was always some cultural activity or festival going on at Annamalai Nagar. The University those days had a large number of students from Andhra Pradesh and Kerala, besides those from Tamil Nadu and therefore, Andhra and Kerala festivals also were great occasions for celebration and bonhomie. But the most important among the extra-curricular activities were the debates in which both students and teachers actively participated. While meetings of different Departmental Associations and Clubs were held in the various Lecture Halls, larger meetings open to all students and staff were always held at the Gokhale Hall. I was a regular speaker from the Gokhale Hall platform. When important issues were being debated, the Hall would be packed to capacity and often the audience would overflow to the courtyards. These Gokhale Hall debates, punctuated with cheers and applause for good speakers and jeers and catcalls for poor performers and enlivened by interesting questions from the audience are some of the most unforgettable memories of my Annamalai Nagar life.

The Staff Club was the hub of a wide range of interesting activities for the teachers. Sir K.V. Reddy who was a keen bridge player would be present at the Club every evening without fail. He would come very early in the evening to the Club and if he could not find the four to form a table, he would send his car to the lecturers' quarters to fetch bridge players from their houses. Sir K.V.'s successor, Mr. M. Ruthnasamy, also took very keen interest in the activities of the Club. He encouraged us to put on the play "She Stoops to Conquer" in 1942, and the "Miser" the next year, at the Sastri Hall. In addition to some young staff members like me, some senior staff members like Dr. Narasinga Rao and Mr. M.L. Sitharaman also acted in these plays much to the delight of the students.

Annamalai University had on its staff then some of the greats of the academic world. Tiger Varadachariar of the Music College, Pandithamani Kathiresan Chettiar of the Tamil Department, Diwan Bahadur Srinivasachariar and Mr. R. Sathianatha Iyer of the History Department, Dr. A. Narasinga Rao of the Mathematics Department and several others like them in the University were eminent scholars who commanded great respect in the teaching profession in the South. It was indeed a privilege to have had the opportunity of working in the University at a time when it had such great stalwarts on its staff.

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My University Days

Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan
Vice-Chancellor

I have the singular good fortune and rare privilege of being associated with the Annamalai University for nearly half a century, first as a student, then as an academic, and later, as an administrator.

My heart is full to the brim with so many pleasant memories of Annamalai, that I am at a loss to choose and condense, even as I reminisce nostalgically.

I returned to India in 1942--during the II World War--as an evacuee from Rangoon. The Japanese bombed the city of Rangoon incessantly, and the people there were subjected to the indescribable horrors of War. I was one of the many thousands of evacuees, trekking my way back home through what seemed to me to be an endless terrain of mountains, jungles, swamps and wild rivers.

I had finally arrived home, only to be told of the shocking news by my parents that my marriage was already fixed, and it was to be solemnised in a fortnight. I was then hardly a 17-year-old boy having returned to India after giving up my studies at the Rangoon University, as I did not believe that the vaunted British might would contain the fierce Japanese onslaught. I had no alternative but to bow to the wishes of my parents and get married!

An announcement, though in late July of 1942, in *The Hindu*, threw an unexpected opportunity on my way. The Burmese Government in exile had decided to continue the collegiate merit scholarship which I earned for my general proficiency in the school final examination in Burma. I remembered the advice of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar who exhorted me to study at the Annamalai University, when way back in my VII Standard, he gave me a gold medal for my proficiency in Mathematics. Though admissions were over by then, the Vice-Chancellor, Sir K.V. Reddy, admitted me as a special case to what was then known as the Intermediate Course and allowed me to opt for the Physical Science Group.

Within a fortnight of my admission, the University had to be closed owing to an agitation by the students, in the wake of the "Quit India Movement." In those days, all students, irrespective of caste, creed or religion, were united by a common National Cause. There was a large section of students from Kerala, South Canara and Andhra, and no discrimination of any sort was practised in letter and spirit.

Students always looked forward to Saturdays and Sundays, when the Students' Union meetings were held at the Gokhale Hall. Debates, mock-parliaments and mock-trials were conducted on Saturdays in English, and Sundays were for proceedings in Tamil. Even Members of the Staff, like Dr. P.C. Alexander (now His Excellency the Governor of Tamilnadu),

Prof. T. Govindarajan of the Department of Mathematics and Prof. C.R. Myleru of the Department of English were participants in these debates and discussions. Students were thus trained and inspired in the art of public speaking, in Tamil and English as well.

The Students' Union Meetings provided splendid opportunities for many young men to develop their traits of personality and leadership. It is not surprising that a number of them are now in politics and are making a mark in that field, and others have distinguished themselves in various meritorious walks of life, as Teachers, Statesmen, Scientists, Scholars, Ministers, Administrators, Educationists, Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

To cite a few examples, His Excellency Shri R. Venkataraman is an undisputed national leader, His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander, is an administrator, *par excellence.*

The classes in English Idiom and Usage, conducted by no less a person than the Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri, the then Vice-Chancellor, were so famous that they used to be flocked by students and teachers alike, I was told.

Later on, Prof. P.A. Subramania Iyer, Professor of English, continued the practice. He was also a famous teacher of Shakespeare, who used to act out the scenes in the class, to make us re-live those dramatic moments. His English was always high-sounding and bombastic, and he was fond of using an involved style of speech. He never used to tolerate interruption or noise in the class. Once, while he was engaged in one of those self-absorbed elocutionary exercises, he found a student in the back-row in a dialogue with his neighbour. The Professor stopped abruptly, and asked him sternly to explain his behaviour. The student replied that he could not understand the "idiotic language" of his Professor. Prof. Subramania Iyer's anger knew no bounds. His mind was poised for a suitable disciplinary action against him. Before he could take a precipitous step, to the detriment of the student, his neighbour whose English was good, rose to his defence by saying that what his friend really meant to use was "idiomatic language", and not "idiotic language"; he did not know the proper usage for the occasion, and hence the unfortunate confusion on his part, he explained. The explosive situation was not only defused, but also, everyone including the Professor had a hearty laugh!

As a student of the Intermediate Class, I joined a batch of 30 students, to start a Social Service League, as a voluntary organization. We started a night school for the poor children and took up social service in the hamlet of Thiruvetkalam, nearby the campus. The Social Service League, begun in a small and humble way then, has now become a mighty organisation, recognised by the University, and it is doing yeoman service in many laudable ways.

The hostels were invariably crowded and with little creature-comforts, but we bravely put up with all the inconveniences. However, it should be said in favour of those hostels that the mess rates were unbelievably cheap in those days. Believe me when I say that the monthly mell bill in 1942, including room-rent, electricity and establishment charges, at the cheap section of the hostel, was less than fifteen rupees, and for those dining at

the expensive section, it did not exceed twenty rupees! And the fare provided at both the sections was always tasty and relishable.

I was one of those who enjoyed fully the campus life of the University, having been the Secretary in the final year and also represented the University in Football and Badminton. I had maintained the top rank throughout my scholastic career. My experience as a social worker and teacher at the night school at that time inspired me to love learning and teaching and dedicate myself to them, right early in life. Annamalai University, thus gave me a spiritual and professional direction to my life and career. The secret of my success as a teacher and Vice-Chancellor is mainly due to the very pleasant and purposeful period of my student life at the Annamalai University.

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என்னையும், என்னைப் போன்றவர்களையும் ஆளாக்கி, எங்களுக்கு அறிவுத் திறனையும் ஆற்றலையும் தந்து, நாட்டில் எங்களைப் பெயரோடும் பெருமையோடும், புகழோடும் உலாவ விட்ட அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகம், தன்னுடைய மணிவிழாவை, இவ்வாண்டு, சீரோடும் சிறப்போடும், பொலிவோடும் வலிவோடும், புகழோடும் பெருமையோடும் கொண் டாடுவது அறிந்து, நான் மட்டற்ற மகிழ்ச்சி கொண்டேன்.

நான், 1939-க்கும் 1944-க்கும் இடையில், ஐந்து ஆண்டுக்காலம், மேற்படிப்பு படிக்கும் நல்வாய்ப்பினை, அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் பெற்றேன். அண்ணாமலை நகரில், சுற்றிலும் பசுமை நிறைந்த சோலைகளுக்கிடையே பல்கலைக்கழகம் அமைந்திருப்பதே தனி அழகைத் தருவதாகும். வெளியுலக ஆரவாரம் அறவே அற்ற அமைதி நிறைந்த சூழலில், பேராசிரியப் பெருமக்களும், மாணவர்களாகிய நாங்களும் தங்கி யிருந்து, உலாவி, ஓடி நடமாடி, விளையாடி, கல்வியிலே தனி நாட்டஞ் செலுத்தி வந்தது, என்னைப் போன்றவர்களுக்கு, மீண்டும் பெற இயலாத அளவுக்குப் பசுமைநிறைந்த ஒன்றாகும். தங்கும் விடுதிகள், பேராசிரியர்கள் குடியிருப்புக்கள், பயிற்றுவிக்கும் பல்கலைக் கழகக் கட்டடங்கள், கூட்டங்கள் கூடும் பொதுமண்டபங்கள், நூலறிவைப் பெருக்கிக் கொள்வதற்கான சிறப்பான நூல்நிலையம், விளையாடுவதற்கான விளையாட்டுக் கூடங்கள், நீச்சல்குளம், உலாவுவதற்கான பூங்காக்கள், பொழுது போக்குவதற்கான படகுவிடும் கால்வாய், இசைக்கலை பயிலும் கல்லூரி, அஞ்சல் நிலையம், காவல்நிலையம், விற்பனைக் கடைகள் ஆகியவை அடுத்தடுத்து இருந்ததால், எனது அண்ணாமலைநகர் வாழ்வு செம்மைசேர் சிறப்பான வாழ்வாக அமைந்திருந்தது.

நான் பயின்ற காலத்தில், ரைட் ஆனரபிள் வி.எஸ். சீனிவாச சாஸ்திரியார், சர்.கே.வி. ரெட்டி நாயுடுகாரு, பேராசிரியர் எம். இரத்தின சாமி ஆகியோர் துணைவேந்தர்களாக இருந்து பணியாற்றினர். ஆங்கிலத் துறையில் பேராசிரியர் சுந்தரம், திரு. இராஜகோபால அய்யங்கார், திரு. பி.எஸ். சுப்பிரமணிய அய்யர் போன்றவர்கள் இருந்தனர். தமிழ்த் துறையில், பேராசிரியர் கா.சு. பிள்ளை, பண்டிதமணி கதிரேசச் செட்டியார், டாக்டர் ஏ.சி. செட்டியார், நாவலர் ந.மு. வேங்கடசாமி நாட்டார், திரு. ரா. இராகவ அய்யங்கார், வித்துவான் ஔவை துரைசாமிப்பிள்ளை, திரு. ஜி. சுப்பிரமணிய பிள்ளை, வித்துவான் பூவராகம் பிள்ளை, வித்துவான் அருணாசலம் பிள்ளை, திரு. சதாசிவ பண்டாரத்தார், வித்துவான் லெ.ப.கரு. இராமநாதன் செட்டியார்,

வித்துவான் சுந்தசாமியார், வித்துவான் வெள்ளைவாரணனார் போன்ற வர்கள் பணியாற்றினர். வரலாற்றுத் துறையில் பேராசிரியர் சி.எஸ். சீனிவாசச்சாரியார், பொருளியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் பி.வி. நாராயணசாமி நாயுடு, கணக்கியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் நரசிங்கராவ், விலங்கியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் சேஷையா, மரவியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் பாஸ்கரராவ், இயற்பியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் இராமச்சந்திர ராவ், கலவையியல் துறையில் டாக்டர் சக்கரவர்த்தி, தத்துவவியல் துறையில் பேராசிரியர் இராமானுஜாச் சாரியார், விளையாட்டியல் துறையில் திரு. எல்.கே. கோவிந்தராஜுலு, திரு. சி. அய்யாறு போன்றவர்கள் புகழ்பெற்று விளங்கினார்கள்.

நான் இடைநிலை வகுப்புகளில் கணக்கியல் – இயற்பியல் – கலவையியல் ஆகிய மூன்று பாடங்களையும், பின்னர் ஆனர்ஸ் வகுப்புகளில் தமிழ்மொழி – இலக்கியப் பாடங்களையும் எடுத்துப் படித்தேன். பின்னர் முதுகலைப் பட்டம் பெற்றேன்.

நான் இடைநிலை வகுப்புகளில் கணக்கியலிலும், தமிழிலும் முதல் எண்கள் பெற்றுப் பரிசுகள் பெற்றேன்.

1941 முதல் *1944* வரை ஆனர்சு வகுப்பில், மூன்று ஆண்டுக்காலம் நான், பேராசிரியர் க. அன்பழகன், திரு. பூ. கணேசன் மற்றும் நால்வர் ஆக ஏழுபேர்கள், இணைந்திருந்து படித்தோம்.

அப்பொழுது, இந்திய விடுதலைக்கான போராட்டங்களும், ஆர்ப் பாட்டங்களும் நாடெங்கும் பரவலாக ஆக்கம் பெற்றிருந்தன. அந்தச் சூழ்நிலையில், மாணவர்களில் பெரும்பாலோரும் காங்கிரஸ்--கம்யூனிஸ்டு கட்சிகளின் பற்றுக் கொண்டவர்களாகவே இருந்தார்கள்.

இந்தியா வெள்ளையர் ஆதிக்கத்திலிருந்து விடுபட்டு, முழுவிடுதலை பெறவேண்டும் என்ற தீவிரமான கொள்கையை நான் கொண்டிருந்ததோடு, பெரியார் – அண்ணா ஆகியோர் வளர்த்த திராவிட இயக்கக் கொள்கை களிடத்திலே நீங்காப்பற்றும், தனி ஆர்வமும் எனக்கு இருந்துவந்தன.

அப்பொழுது தெளிவான, திட்பமான, திட்டவட்டமான அரசியல் வளர்ந்தநிலை இருந்து வந்தது. அவரவர் கட்சிக்கொள்கைப் பிடிப்போடு மாற்றுக் கருத்தினரை மதிக்கும் பண்பு எல்லோரிடமும் காணப்பட்டது. நாளடைவில் அண்ணாமலைநகர், அரசியல் உணர்ச்சிக்கும், கிளர்ச்சிக்கும் நிலைக்களமாக மாறிவந்தது. அதற்குப் பட்டிமன்றக் கூட்டங்கள் பெரிதும் பயன்பட்டன.

அந்தக் காலத்தில், கோகலே மண்டபத்தில், ஒவ்வொரு சனிக்கிழமை யன்று காலையில் தமிழில் பட்டிமன்ற நிகழ்ச்சியும், ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமையன்று காலையில் ஆங்கிலத்தில் பட்டிமன்ற நிகழ்ச்சியும் மாணவர் பேரவைகளால்

நடத்தப்பெறும். பட்டிமன்றங்களில் ஒட்டியும் – வெட்டியும் மாணவ – மாணவியர் பேசக்கூடிய தலைப்புக்கள், பெரும்பாலும், அன்றைய நிலையில் தலைதூக்கி நிற்கும் அரசியல் சமூகப் பிரச்சினைகளாகத்தான் இருக்கும். பட்டிமன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகளைக் கண்டு, கேட்டு, மகிழ்ச்சியுற கோகலே மண்டபம் முழுவதும், சிலநேரங்களில், அது நிரம்பி வழியும் அளவுக்குக் குழுமி யிருப்பார்கள். பட்டிமன்ற வாதங்களைச் செவியுறும் மாணவ – மாணவியர்கள் ஆரவாரம் செய்தும், கையொலி எழுப்பியும், சிரித்தும் சுவைத்து மகிழ்வார்கள்.

நான் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் சேர்ந்தபோது, பட்டிமன்றங்களில், பெரும் பாலும், காங்கிரஸ்––கம்யூனிஸ்டு பற்றுடைய மாணவர்களே பேச்சுத் திறமையோடு பேசுவார்கள்; சில நேரங்களில் திராவிட இயக்கக் கருத்துக் களை எதிர்த்தும், இழித்தும், பழித்தும் பேசுவார்கள். விரல்விட்டு எண்ணக்கூடிய ஒருசில மாணவர்கள்தாம், அப்பொழுது, திராவிட இயக்கப் பற்றுடையவர்களாகத் திகழ்ந்தார்கள். மூன்றாவது ஆனர்சு வகுப்பில் படிக்கும்போது, பேராசிரியர் க. அன்பழகன் அவர்கள், துணிந்து மேடை ஏறி, எதிர்த்துப் பேசுவார். அதுவரையில் மேடை ஏறிப்பேசும் பழக்கமும், ஆர்வமும் அற்றிருந்த நான், திராவிட இயக்கக் கருத்துக்களுக்கு வலிவூட்ட, துணிந்து, பட்டிமன்றம் ஏறி எதிர்த்துப் பேசத் தலைப்பட்டேன். எடுத்த எடுப்பிலேயே பலருடைய ஆதரவும், பாராட்டுதலும், போற்றுதலும் எனக்குக் கிடைத்தன. தொடர்ந்து பல பட்டிமன்றக் கூட்டங்களில் கலந்துகொண்டு வாதாடினேன். அந்த ஆண்டு இறுதிக்குள் சிறந்த பேச்சாளன் என்ற பெயர் பெற்றதோடு, அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் நடைபெற்ற பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் கலந்துகொண்டு, முதற்பரிசும் பெற்றேன்.

1942–43-ஆம் ஆண்டில் தமிழ்ப் பேரவைச் செயலாளராகத் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டேன். பல சிறப்புக் கூட்டங்களையும், பட்டிமன்றக் கூட்டங்களையும் நடத்தினேன்.

1943–44-ஆம் ஆண்டில் தமிழ் இலக்கிய மன்றச் செயலாளர் ஆனேன். நாவலர் எஸ். எஸ். பாரதியார், டாக்டர் ஆர். பி. சேதுப்பிள்ளை, டி. கே. சிதம்பரநாதனார், மறைமலையடிகள், விபுலானந்த அடிகள், பேராசிரியர் கா. சு. பிள்ளை, பண்டிதமணி கதிரேசச் செட்டியார், டாக்டர் ஏ. சி. செட்டியார், ஔவை துரைசாமிப்பிள்ளை, டாக்டர் தெ. பொ. மீனாட்சிசுந்தரனார், பெரியார் ஈ. வெ. இராமசாமி, அறிஞர் அண்ணா போன்ற பெருமக்களை எல்லாம் வரவழைத்துச் சிறப்புக் கூட்டங்கள் நடத்தினேன். நானே நன்றி கூறும் வகையில் ஒவ்வொரு கூட்டத்திலும் அரைமணி நேரத்திற்குக் குறையாமல் பேசி மாணவர்களின் ஆதரவைத் திரட்டினேன்.

பெங்களூரில் தென்னாட்டுப் பல்கலைக் கழகங்களுக்கிடையே நடை பெற்ற பேச்சுப் போட்டியில், அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின்

சார்பாக நானும், பேராசிரியர் க. அன்பழகன் அவர்களும் கலந்து கொண்டு அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்துக்காகக் கேடயத்தைப் பெற்றோம். தனிப்பட்ட முதற்பரிசை நானும், இரண்டாவது பரிசைப் பேராசிரியரும் பெற்றோம்.

திரு. வி. க. மணிவிழாவின் போது சென்னையில் கல்லூரிகளுக் கிடையே நடைபெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் நானும், திரு. இராசகோபாலன் என்ற மாணவரும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் சார்பாகக் கலந்து கொண்டோம். மிகப்பெரியதொரு சுழற்கோப்பையை, அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்துக்காக, வெற்றிப் பரிசாகப் பெற்றோம். தனிப்பட்ட முதற்பரிசை நானும், இரண்டாவது பரிசை எனது நண்பர் இராச கோபாலனும் பெற்றோம்.

அப்பொழுது அண்ணாமலை நகரில் போராட்டங்களும், வேலை நிறுத்தங்களும் அடிக்கடி நடைபெறும். நான் உண்மைக்கும், உரிமைக்கும், நியாயத்திற்கும் பரிந்து பேசுவேன்; உரியவர்களிடம் வாதாடுவேன். ஆனால், படிப்பைப் பாழ்படுத்திக்கொள்ளும் போராட்டங்களிலும், வேலை நிறுத்தங்களிலும் கலந்து கொள்ளாமல் ஒதுங்கிக் கொள்வேன்.

1943-ஆம் ஆண்டு தமிழிசையியக்கத்தின் துவக்கவிழா நாள்தோறும் காலையிலிருந்து இரவு 12 மணி வரையில், ஒரு வாரகாலம் மிகச்சிறப்பாக நடந்தேறியது.

பலக்லைக்கழகப் படிப்பை முடித்து, வெளியேறியபிறகு, பல சிறப்புக் கூட்டங்களிலும், நிறுவனர் விழாக்களிலும், பட்டமளிப்பு விழாக்களிலும் பங்குகொள்ள அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்திற்கு நான் பல தடவைகள் சென்றிருக்கிறேன். பல்கலைக்கழகம் ஆண்டுக்கு ஆண்டு மேற்பட்டப் படிப்புப் பிரிவுகளை விரிவாக்கிக் கொண்டும், விதவிதமான மேற்கல்வி பயிற்றுவிக்கும் கல்லூரிகளைப் பெருக்கிக்கொண்டும், புதியபுதிய கட்டடங் களையும், விடுதிகளையும், குடியிருப்புக்களையும் எழுப்பிக்கொண்டும் வந்திருக்கின்ற காட்சிகளையும், அவற்றின் மாட்சிகளையும் கண்டு பூரிப்பும், பெருமையும், பெருமிதமும் அடைந்திருக்கிறேன்.

நான் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில், கல்வி பயின்ற நாட்களை எண்ணிப் பார்க்கிறேன்! தேனூறும் இன்ப நினைவுகள் பல உள்ளத்தில் உவப்பெடுக்கின்றன! அந்த இனிய-மகிழ்ச்சிகரமான — உணர்ச்சிமிக்க — எழுச்சிபொங்கும் நாட்கள் இனியும் ஏற்படுமா? என்று எண்ணுகிறேன்! ஏங்குகிறேன்.

மணிவிழாவினைச் சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடும் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் வாழ்க! வளர்க! வெல்க!

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Even as a student of Pachaiyappa's College, Madras, during the years 1936-41, I had heard a lot about the Annamalai University and its celebrated Founder Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar. My father used to eulogise the services of the Rajah Saheb and describe him as a remarkable man of profound business acumen, prophetic vision and foresight. In those days the Nagarathar community, noted for their charity, generally extended their benefactions to the building and renovation of temples and erection of choultries for housing and feeding the poor and the needy. But it was given to the generous hearted Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar to conceive of a plan never thought of ever before, viz the founding of a temple of learning and culture that would recapture and make known the ancient glory of Tamil language, literature and civilisation. Thus was born the Annamalai University in 1929 and to this day it has majestically stood out as the most luminous monument to the enlightened munificence of its immortal Founder. Naturally I had a longing to see the University which had by then become renowned for the rich facilities provided for promoting advanced researches in Tamil literature, art and music under the direction and guidance of Tamil savants of acclaimed fame as well as for the study of all subjects both in the Western and Eastern fields of knowledge. But then, it was only in 1946, when I was an Assistant Professor of History in Pachaiyappa's College that I was given the opportunity to visit the great University as one invited to serve on the Board of Question Paper-Setters for the B.A. History Degree Examination of that year. The Chairman of the Board was Prof. C.S. Srinivasachariar, himself popularly known as 'Chikka'. It was quite exciting for me to meet him at the above Board Meeting. He was highly esteemed as one in the vanguard of writers and teachers of history embellishing the Muse of History with their erudite and eloquent contributions of lasting value. He had served the Pachaiyappa's College as a very popular teacher of history for a while, and as such, he exchanged pleasantries with me as an alumnus of the college that he was once associated with.

Availing of my visit to the University, I went round the fascinating campus and felt attracted by the imposing beauty of the buildings, amidst lovely environs. There was a certain patent unity in the pattern and texture of the constructions which proclaimed the meticulous thoroughness with which the Founder had planned and executed his admirable scheme. I then came to learn how the equally famous son of the Founder Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar to whom I was already indebted for my appointment in Pachaiyappa's College untiringly endeavoured to maintain and even improve on the high ideals and purposes set by his revered father with the help of a distinguished line of Vice-

Chancellors. It was during his time as we know, that several new Departments of study in Arts, Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Agriculture, Dental Science etc. were added to the various faculties. It was his avowed aim that there should be a constant interplay of science and humanities so that there would be scientific and human approach in the study of the various disciplines fostered by the University.

In subsequent years following my first visit, I was invited to address the University Students Union and the History and Politics Association. Thiru T.M. Narayanaswami Pillai was the Vice-Chancellor who presided over the Union meeting in the Sastri Hall. It was in the Gokhale Hall that I spoke to the students under the presidentship of Prof. R. Sathianathier whose name as a historian of great repute I was already aware of. He had a stentorian voice and his thoughts were expressed by him in words of compulsive force, marked by cultural refinement and sensitivity. I was thrilled to learn that the University encouraged the art of public speaking on the part of students by organising periodical debates and seminars which were characterised by the freedom of expression, the magic of rhetorical skill and the flavour of witticisms and repartees — a feature which we miss very much in these days.

December 1980 sprang a surprise on me. Little did I dream till that time that I was one day going to be associated with the Annamalai University as its Vice-Chancellor. On the recommendation of the late Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar and in consultation with the Government of Tamil Nadu, the then Chancellor of the University His Excellency Thiru Sadiq Ali, Governor of Tamil Nadu, sent for me and said that he was appointing me as Vice-Chancellor of the University. That was the time when the University was in the throes of a crisis — a total strike by the staff, teaching and non-teaching, hostel employees and research scholars. I felt that it was the most terrific challenge that I had to face in my career as an educational administrator. I accepted the gauntlet with "courage and faith" which incidentally is the inspiring motto that the Founder had got escutcheoned on the University's Coat-of-Arms. I called on the Pro-Chancellor and took his blessings and good wishes for the success of my endeavours to defuse the crisis and find a solution mutually acceptable to the University authorities and the aggrieved parties. At the negotiating table all the issues that had provoked the agitation were sorted out and an amicable settlement was arrived at. The Pro-Chancellor's wise guidance and good-will stood me in good stead, while on the government's side there was helpful response and cooperation. I was able to heave a sigh of relief when the University's academic activities resumed with their usual zeal and vigour.

But when in 1981 the proposal was mooted that since the University's functioning as a centre of post-graduate teaching and advanced research was impeded by the onerous responsiblity of its running the three-year degree courses which could be well-taken care of by the six first grade colleges that had already come up in the South Arcot, the University could shed these courses, there was stiff opposition from those

who unfortunately apprehended that the move was ill-conceived and was meant to be used for retrenching some unwanted staff in the various Departments of study. Even though the Pro-Chancellor had given his approval for this proposal and the Government too had been apprised of its advantages, there was stiff resistance and the Syndicate and I were hard put to tackling the problem with due care, concern, and circumspection. Any way this scheme was put through and ultimately the degree courses were abolished. But then the University simultaneously strengthened the post-graduate courses of study and gave forceful thrust to the research activities of the Faculties. With a view to motivating the teachers to work for doctoral degrees, study leave facilities were extended to them. A glance at the reports of University Departments, would reveal how much they had been influenced by the newly created academic climate in which the Faculty and the students could play the role of co-partners working in harmony for the acquisition and advancement of human knowledge as well as for its practical application in real life. Many action-oriented socially relevant academic programmes — formal as well as non-formal — were implemented meaningfully and purposefully. The Directorate of Correspondence Courses was redesignated as the Directorate of Distance Education with the development of the strategy of using a variety of distance teaching methods suited to home based students and setting up a number of study centres equipped with libraries, audio-video aids and counselling services.

I am happy to recall that the University also witnessed a number of important and eye-catching Conferences and Festivals being held. Mention may be made here of the holding of the 59th Annual Conference of the Association of Indian Universities, the 45th All India History Congress and the 16th All India Sociological Conference. The National Youth Festival was held twice, and the Commemoration Volume to mark the Birth Centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar was released. These memorable events put the University on the academic map of India. The meaningful participation, dialogue and counsel of the visiting dignitaries added lustre and significance to the further growth of the University and they in turn had the opportunity to observe first-hand the phenomenal growth of the University, and carry its fame and name whereever they went.

A most cherished dream of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar was to see that a Medical College was started under the Faculty of Medicine. It was given to me to initiate steps. The foundation-stone was laid and the construction of the building to house the Medical College was begun as per the plan approved by the Rajah Saheb. But it was our misfortune that his eventful life was cut short by the icy hands of death in May 1984. However, his worthy son, Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, the present Pro-Chancellor, left no stone unturned to see to the fulfilment of his beloved father's wish. At the time of my demiting the office of Vice-Chancellorship, the construction of the grandiose building in which the present Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences is accommodated was almost complete.

From June 1984 till December 1986 I was privileged to work under the

dynamic Pro-Chancellorship of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy and carry out several schemes in which he was interested both as an educational promoter of perspicacity and sagacity and as a man of action with a penchant, nay, passion for sports and their many-sided development with an accent on attractive incentives being given to the most promising sports persons of the University. From what I have seen of him I should say he is a " no nonsense" man who means serious business and would not tolerate either shabbiness or imperfection. As one essaying in every possible way to live up to the highest traditions and ideals of the Chettinad Family, he strongly believes in the spontaneous enforcement of genuine discipline, team-spirit, and comradeship among the different sections of the academic community of the University.

In recollecting the many challenging incidents and events that marked my association with the Annamalai University as its Vice-Chancellor from 1980-86 the one thought that comes to my mind uppermost is that against the present backdrop of kaleidoscopic changes in the protean scenario of higher education, a Vice-Chancellor, if he is to survive and hold his head aloft has to be at once a scholarly academician, an insightful administrator, a convincing persuader, a discerning reconciler, a smart consensus-builder, a harmonizer and a humanizer.

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Reminiscences

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It is with profound pleasure that I pen a few lines by way of reminiscences of my student days at my beloved Alma-Mater, the renowned Annamalai University, founded by Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, known as a prince of philanthropy and man of vision.

I well remember the glorious years, of 1958-62, which I spent as a young student under the care and guidance of Professors of great eminence in the various faculties which offered several courses of studies. The noteworthy feature that impressed me during my days in the University and ever afterwards was the great and meticulous care with which the noble, munificent and illustrious founder chose teachers of high calibre and profound scholarship in their respective specialities. To cite an example, he went all out to select an Englishman to head the Department of English so that the students of English could get quality instruction in that subject. To the thoughtful founder there could be no compromise so far as quality was concerned.

Even now I recall vividly the excellent way in which the galaxy of great Professors of my time inspired the students with their erudite lectures as well as by their exemplary lives. They were really an adornment to the University.

The secret of the founder's great success lay in the fact that both by precept and practice, he himself motivated and enthused the Faculty with his rare devotion to duty and discipline. This spirit of dedication was inculcated by the Staff in their wards. The seeds thus sown by the Founder led to the emergence of a band of academicians and technocrats who are now spread all over the world and who are now sharing their knowledge and experience acquired in the University with the people with whom they come into contact.

It was my rare privilege to mingle with fellow students hailing from all parts of the world during the eventful years of my stay in the University hostel. The corporate life that we enjoyed shaped our attitudes on right lines. We participated in debates and seminars with great gusto and zeal. We might have had differences of opinion in our speeches. But never was there any bitterness or rancour in our hearts. In fact, the University provided us with a surpassing training ground and if many of its alumni are today shining in public life as administrators, statesmen and technocrats, it is not a little due to the fine training given to them by the University.

I feel honoured and consider myself extremely fortunate to serve on the University's Syndicate today as the nominee of its beloved Pro-Chancellor.

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''தில்லைப்பதியுடையான் சிற்றம்பலந்தன்னில்
அல்லும் பகலும்நின் றாடுகின்றான் — எல்லைக்கண்
அண்ணா மலைமன் அமைத்த கலைக்கழகம்
கண்ணாரக் கண்டு களித்து''

என்று கவிமணி தேசிக விநாயகம் பிள்ளையால் பாடிப் பரவப் பெற்ற கலைக்கோயிலாம் அண்ணாமலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தோடு எனக்கு வாய்த்த ஏறக்குறைய ஒரு பொன்விழாக் காலப்பிணைப்பில் — ஏற்பட்ட இனிய அனுபவங்களும் நினைவுகளும் மொட்டவிழும் மலராய் இந் நேரத்தில் இதழ் விரித்து நெஞ்சில் மணம் பரப்புகின்றன.

உலகத்தின் சூது வாதுகளின் சாயைபடியாத இளம்பருவத்தில் 1943 இல் பள்ளிப் படிப்பு முடித்த சிறுவனாய், பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் இடைநிலை வகுப்பில் சேர்ந்தது இன்றும் பசுமை மாறாமல் நெஞ்சில் நிழலாடுகிறது. தொடர்ந்து 1948 வரை பட்டப் படிப்பும் படித்து வரலாற்றுச் சிறப்புப் பெற்ற இப்பல்கலைக்கழக முத்திரையுடன் வாழ்வியலைத் தொடர்ந்ததும் நினைவுக்கு வருகிறது.

அந்தக் குறுகிய காலக் கல்லூரிப் படிப்பு இன்னும் பசுமை மாறாமல் இதயத்திலே இருக்கிறது. இளவரசர்களைப் போல நீண்ட கல்லூரி வராந்தாக்களிலும், கம்பீரமான மணிக்கூண்டின் எதிரே நீளும் கல்லூரிச் சாலையிலும், படகுத்துறைக் கரைகளிலும் திருவேட்களக் குளத்துப்படிகளிலும், கவலையற்ற பட்டாம்பூச்சிகளாய்த் திரிந்து மகிழ்ந்ததை எப்படி மறக்க முடியும்?

எத்தனை புகழ்பெற்ற பேராசிரியர்கள் துணைவேந்தர்களாகவும், துறைத் தலைவர்களாகவும் அறிவுகொளுத்தும் ஆசான்களாகவும் அக் காலத்தில் எங்களுக்கு வழிகாட்டி ஒளி பரப்பினார்கள். துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் இரத்தினசாமி அவர்களும், தமிழ்ப் பேரறிஞர் பேராசிரியர் டாக்டர் அ. சிதம்பரநாதச் செட்டியார் அவர்களும், இன்றைய மேதகு

ஆளுநரும் அன்றைய எங்களது வரலாற்றுப்பாட ஆசானுமான மாண்புமிகு பி.சி. அலெக்சாந்தர் அவர்களும், பின்னாளில் மத்திய அரசின் அமைச்சராகவும் இப்பல்கலையின் துணைவேந்தராகவும் திகழ்ந்த, எமது பட்டப்படிப்பின் பொருளியல் துறைத் தலைவர் டாக்டர். சந்திரசேகர் அவர்களும் தத்துவப் பேராசிரியரும், உணவு விடுதியின் நெடுநாளைய காப்பாளருமான ஆர். இராமானுஜாச்சாரியாரும் தமிழ்ப் பேராசிரியர் லெ.ப. கரு. இராமநாதன் செட்டியார் அவர்களும் இன்னும் மறக்க இயலாப் பெருந்தகைகளும் நடமாடிக் கல்விப்பணி செய்த பல்கலைக்கழகம் அல்லவா இது? யாரை மறக்க முடியும்? நல்லாசிரி யராய், நல்வழிகாட்டியாய் இருந்து எங்களை வளர்த்த இப் பெரு மக்களால் இப்பல்கலைக்கழகம் பேரும் புகழும் பெற்றது உண்மையே அல்லவா?

மேலும் என் சொந்த மாவட்டமான தென்னாற்காட்டிலும், சென்னை முதல் திருவனந்தபுரம் வரையிலான தமிழ்மாநிலத்திலும் எண்ணற்ற நடுத்தர, ஏழை மாணவர்கள் கல்விக்கண் பெற்றதற்கும் பெறுவதற்கும் மூல காரணமான செட்டிநாட்டரசர் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியாரைத் தொடர்ந்து மூன்று தலைமுறைகளாய் ராஜா சர் முத்தையாச் செட்டியாரும், இளவரசர் டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம் இராமசாமிச் செட்டியார் அவர்களும் கட்டிக்காத்து வரும் இப்பல்கலைக் கழகத்தின் பெருமையினை மறக்கின்ற நன்றி கொன்ற நெஞ்சமே இல்லை எனலாம்.

இந்த மூன்று தலைமுறை அரசர்களோடும் எனக்கு ஏதோ ஒரு வழியில் தொடர்பு ஏற்பட்ட பேற்றினை எண்ணி இறும்பூது எய்துகிறேன்.

நான் மாணவனாக இருந்த காலை செட்டிநாட்டு வள்ளல் ராஜா சர் அண்ணாமலைச் செட்டியார் புரவலராக இருந்தார்கள். பின்னாளில் பல்கலைக்கழகக் கல்விக்குழு, ஆளவைக்குழு, ஆட்சிக்குழு ஆகியவற்றில் எல்லாம் தொடர்ந்து ஒரு (வெள்ளிவிழாக் காலத்துக்கும் மேலாய் ஏறக்குறைய 30 ஆண்டுகள் இடைமுறிவு இன்றித் தேர்வு செய்யப்பெற்று நான் பணிபுரிந்த காலை, ராஜா சர் முத்தையா செட்டியார் அவர்களின் அருட்பார்வையும் நட்பும் கிட்டியது. தொடர்ந்து டாக்டர் எம்.ஏ.எம். இராமசாமிச் செட்டியார் அவர்கள் புரவலராகப் பொறுப்பேற்றதி லிருந்தும் இதே பாசமும் பரிவும் மிக்க அரவணைப்பில் இருக்கும் பெருமையையும் எண்ணிப்பார்க்கிறேன்.

மாணவப் பருவத்தில் தத்துவத்துறையில் செயலாளனாகவும், உணவு விடுதியில் நாலாம் பிரிவின் பிரதிநிதியாகவும் தேர்வு செய்யப் பெற்று எல்லோருக்கும் நிறைவாய்ப் பணி செய்ததும் நெஞ்சில் படமாய் ஓடுகிறது.

அந்நாளில் என்னுடன் உடன்பயின்ற இப்பல்கலைக்கழக இந்நாள் துணைவேந்தரான பேராசிரியர் இராம. சேதுநாராயணனும் முன்னாள் அமைச்சர் கே.ஏ. மதியழகனும், நாவலர் நெடுஞ்செழியனும், இந்நாள் கல்வி அமைச்சர் பேராசிரியர் அன்பழகனும் மாணவர் மத்தியில் ஏறுபோல் நடைபோட்டுப் புதிய விழிப்பினை ஏற்படுத்தியதும், கண்ணுள் காட்சியாய் விரிகிறது.

மேலும் 10 ஆண்டுகாலம் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணை வேந்தராகவும் இந்தியத் துணைக்கண்டத்தின் பல்கலைக்கழகங்களின் அமைப்பிற்குத் தலைவராகவும் இருந்த சிறந்த கல்வியாளர் டாக்டர் செ. வை. சிட்டிபாபு துணைவேந்தராக இருந்த காலத்திலும் பல்கலைக் கழக்தில் ஆட்சிக்குழுவில் பணியாற்றிய பெருமை எனக்கு உண்டு.

பல்கலையின் பட்டதாரித் தொகுதி உறுப்பினராக 1956 முதல் 1986 வரை தொடர்ந்து பணியாற்ற வாய்ப்பு ஏற்பட்டதையும் கல்விக் குழு, ஆட்சி மன்றக்குழு அனைத்திலும் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்ட உறுப்பின ராகவும் நியமன உறுப்பினராகவும் ஒரு வெள்ளிவிழாக் காலம் பணியாற்றும் பேற்றினையும் என்னைப்போல் எத்தனைபேரால் பெற முடிந்தது என்றும் இறுமாந்து போகிறேன். அத்துடன் மேற்படி பணிக்காலத்தில் நம் பாரதத்தின் முன்னாள் பிரதமர் அமரர் இந்திரா காந்திக்கு டாக்டர் பட்டம் வழங்க ஆட்சி மன்றக்குழுவின் மூத்த உறுப்பினர் என்ற முறையில் முன்மொழியும் பாக்கியமும் எனக்கல்லவா கிட்டியது!

தொடர்ந்து இன்றளவும் நிதிக்குழு உறுப்பினராகவும், சட்டவியல், துறை உறுப்பினராகவும் பணியாற்றும் வாய்ப்பும் எனக்கேற்பட்டதை எண்ணி மனம் நெகிழ்கிறேன். வள்ளலார் வணங்கிய திருச்சிற்றம்பலத் தரசனின் திருக்கோயிலுக்கு இணையாய் உயர்ந்து நிற்கிற அண்ணாமலை அரசரின் பல்கலைக்கழகத்துடன் மாறாத தொடர்பு பெறும் பாக்கியம் பெற்றமைக்கு இறைவனுக்கு நன்றி செலுத்துகிறேன்.

தில்லை அம்பலவாணன் அருளால் இந்தப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் செட்டி நாட்டரசர் செல்வம் போல் பெருகி, பல்துறையிலும் வளர்ந்து, தென்னாட்டின் தலைசிறந்த தமிழ்ப் பல்கலைக்கழகமாய்த் திகழப் பிரார்த்திக்கிறேன்.

Reminiscences

G.D. Nandagopal
Former Registrar

Daily walks were a must for the Rajah. Commencing at 5 A.M. he would walk for an hour. He would combine inspection of the old and new buildings, gardens, boating canal, swimming pool, car sheds, cow sheds, staff quarters etc, on the extensive grounds. Instructions would be given wherever lapses were noticed for immediate attention which were promptly carried out.

The Rajah's active mind would be ever full of diverse matters crowding in his mind. Naturally, he would give priority to matters that were important and called for urgent attention.

During one of his walks, the Rajah referred with deep concern to the disturbed conditions in the hostels. This was due to congestion and could obviously be tackled only by putting up more hostels. Where is the money to come from? The Rajah was thinking aloud. The precarious financial condition would not permit of this expenditure. The natural course was obviously to seek Government help. We had reached the bungalow by then and the Rajah went for his bath, fixing 7 a.m. for resuming our talks.

The Rajah's observation that something must be done immediately spurred my thinking. Taking the cue from his observations, I quickly made out a draft letter to the Chancellor, expressing the gravity of the situation, calling for quick action and pleading for succour to the University, the finances of which were slender.

When the talks resumed, the Rajah enquired what I thought could be done. I promptly produced the draft. As desired by the Rajah I read it out. He appeared pleased.

Promptly the Kumara Rajah was apprised of the matter by his father and was told to be ready to take the letter to the Chancellor to be presented by him personally at the Secretariat. The Kumara Rajah did the rest, and ere long, new hostel blocks began to spring up.

Many new buildings had to come up to cope with the new admissions. The Rajah was keen that the construction work should be done departmentally. He believed that this would not only ensure timeliness, but also save the money to be paid to the contractors as profit.

These are a few of the instances to reveal the Rajah's perpetual thoughts of doing something for the growth and development of the University. The Rajah had used to describe the University and Tamil Isai as his two eyes.

The Rajah's deep desire was to mould the University on the pattern of Oxford and Cambridge which made a deep impression in his mind. 'Bricks and mortar do not make an institution great,' he would often say, 'it is the men that make an institution great.' To

achieve this, the Rajah gave meticulous attention to the choice of staff. He did not stand on prestige in spreading his net far and wide, to pick out the best talents. He personally invited eminent scholars in various disciplines.

Once, when one of the senior Professors in the University was lured by an offer of better emoluments by a neighbouring University, the Rajah would not take this quietly. He decided to address the Chancellor and accordingly we sent up a letter to the Chancellor explaining how an infant University could hardly compete with a well-established University. There was quick effect. Shortly after, we got a letter from that Vice-Chancellor which concluded 'pray forgive me my remissness.'

With the Rajah, there could be no flippant talk. When anyone made an allegation against another, his method of tackling was like this: He would first hear everything the person making the allegation had to say. The person against whom allegations were made would be called in next, separately. Finally both the persons would be ushered in and the Rajah would hold a joint enquiry and decide then and there. Hence there was no scope for frivolous or false allegations.

The Rajah was punctual and systematic in making and keeping engagements. He kept a small note book and a pencil always with him. No one could see him without prior appointment.

On one occasion, two agents from Saigon arrived without notice to consult the Rajah. He had a full day's engagement with me. The matter from Saigon was also important and urgent. So the Rajah made some adjustment. The adjustment served the purpose. However, it was at considerable inconvenience to him who had to forego his normal afternoon siesta.

Noting that I was running temperature, while with him once, the Rajah impressed on me the need to take care of my health. He would some times use adages in Tamil: "நேரத்தில் உணவும் உறக்கமும் அவசியம். சுவரில்லாமல் சித்திரம் வரைய முடியாது."

Once I was shocked by the Rajah's remark that I should not hesitate to give the best medical treatment to my wife who was ailing. How did the Rajah know? Perhaps, he had inferred from my worried countenance. Such was his interest in the welfare of his staff, including their families.

The Rajah's first engagement on arrival in Chidambaram would be the worship of Lord Nataraja. All work would start only thereafter.

The greatness of the Rajah was his simplicity. He would not wear a wrist watch, did not use lift or air-conditioning. He would wear white *dhoti* and shirt while at home. When he went out for functions, he wore a close coat and lace turban with *dhoti* tied as 'பஞ்சகச்சம்'. For State functions he would don European dress.

The Rajah used to sqat on the floor with folded legs against a huge plantain leaf and have his lunch with his guests. His hospitality was such that the cook at the Rajah's behest would prepare

dishes that the guests would most like. The hospitality to guests was such that he would go up to the portico and open the door of the car to see them off.

The Rajah would usually set apart sometime to hear purely personal matters. On one such occasion, I mustered courage to suggest humbly, that the Rajah might not address me "தாங்கள்", as I felt embarrassed. He appeared to put on an air of disapproval and remarked "I am addressing the Registrar of the Annamalai University." I was silenced.

Prior to the Convocation (first for me) I had detailed instructions. The keys to the Convocation Hall, after locking, should be kept by me for the night and the door opened by me alone the next morning. Those were days when an Englishman was the Chancellor.

As I was taking leave, the Rajah signalled a boy to bring a huge silver plate with a purple cover laid on it. I was told to take it. Noticing my curiosity, the Rajah said it was for my use for making a dark suit for the convocation. I was overwhelmed to see a handsome amount in the envelope.

The Temple of Learning built by the Rajah will glow for generations as a timeless memorial to the hallowed memory of the noble soul, whose heart and soul are in the University at Annamalai Nagar and its life was Rajah's breath.

His noble soul pervades the campus, watches over and directs like a 'Guardian Angel' the destinies of the University which he brought into being and nurtured, and whose growth and development were always dearest and nearest to his heart.

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Reminiscences of An Alumnus

E.S. Ranganathan
Rtd. Accounts Officer

It is with a feeling of nostalgia that I recollect my student days at the University, half-a-century ago — 1938 to 1943, to be exact. The first thing that comes to my mind are the wide open spaces that existed then, within the University Campus. The main road from near the Sastri Hall, right upto the railway line, did not have a single building except the VC's Bungalow. On either side cf the road, there were only green fields. Similarly there was a vast open space between the Men's East Block Hostel and the Professors' Quarters Road, with only a small bandstand at its centre. Many buildings have come up now, leaving only small patches of open space here and there. Well, that is the inevitable price for growth and development, I suppose.

The Hostel then consisted of the East Block and the West Block, intended mainly for junior students and the New Block with single rooms, for the final year students. I suppose all these names would have been changed now. During my final years, one more new block was built, which was called the "4th New Block." One graduated from the West and East blocks to the New Block.

The furniture in the rooms were all simple and sparse. Each inmate had one table, (without drawers), one chair, and one built-in book-shelf. That was all. Those who wanted, and could afford them, bought one mud pot for water, and one coir-cot. I think the cot was sold for 1 rupee 8 annas or two rupees. Vendors of these articles did brisk business during the opening season.

Both the East and West Blocks had one room in each, jutting out in the middle. This room in the West Block was, by convention, allotted to the Hostel Secretary. The one in the East Block was, for one year, occupied by me, and because of the large number of birds there, I had named it "Sparrows-View."

Coming to the mess, there were seven "Sections" as they were called. There were the "Orthodox Costly" Section, and the Cosmopolitan Section which was cheap, besides one 'Malayalee Section' (all coconut oil and Kerala preparations) and one 'Andhra Section' (all chillies and gonkura). There was one non-vegetarian section also, located slightly away from the other sections. The mess charges were on a dividing basis. The daily rate (which naturally varied from month to month) for the cheap section was around 3½ annas (equivalent to the

present 22 paise) and for the costly section, around 5 annas (present 31 paise). For this, one got two substantial meals. (9 A.M. & 7 P.M.) and one substantial tiffin (1.30 P.M.). Besides this, those who could afford it had one coffee in the morning, which was charged for separately, at 14 annas or 1 rupee, I think, per month.

Recreation in the evenings was restricted to games and sports, and perhaps a walk to the railway station and to the "town" — Chidambaram. For the musically inclined, there was the Music College with its main hall at the entrance where the Music College students could practise. The constant going-on and coming-out of the other students on their evening walk gave it real concert hall atmosphere, which I think must have helped a lot to the practising novices to overcome their stage-fright.

The period during which I stayed at the University became noted for two important events — the 1938 students' strike and the 1942 Quit India agitation, in which the students took a very active part. These two events brought to the forefront student leaders like Balathandayutham, Sivaramakrishnan and others.

On the academic side, there was a galaxy of teachers — Prof. C.S. Srinivasachari (History), popularly known as "Chikka", Prof. Sathyanatha Iyer (also History), Dr. T. Balakrishnan Nair (History) who later became Principal, Presidency College, Madras, Prof. G.V. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, (Maths) popularly known as 'G V K', my revered Professor Dr. B.V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, (later Principal, Pachaiyappa's College, Madras), Dr. R.N. Poduval (later associated with many activities of the United Nations Organisation) Prof. T.N. Jagadeesan (English), who later devoted himself entirely to the cause of Leprosy Eradication, Prof. R. Bhaskaran (History) and Tiger Varadachariar, Principal, Music College. Each one was a giant in his field, all crowned by the Vice-Chancellor, the Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri — (The silver-tongued orator of India, "the Indian who could speak English better than an Englishman"). The Rt. Hon'ble Sastri was to my knowledge, the only Vice-Chancellor who handled classes also. He engaged each class, right from junior Intermediate class to final year Literature Honours class, for one hour every week, the subject being "How to speak and write good English."

I may add here that Dr. P.C. Alexander, Present Governor of Tamil Nadu, was one of our lecturers for a short period.

There was a large number of Associations both academic and linguistic, and all these had an Inaugural function at the beginning and a Valedictory function at the end of each year, with a party and group photo.

No account of a college or University will be complete without a mention of the practice of "ragging." As far as I am able to remember, this practice was not in existence during the time I am speaking of. I am unable to recollect any incident relating to this. Evidently, this

is a practice that came into vogue at a later period, probably in the fifties or sixties.

Well, these are some of the things that come to my mind during my travel down the 50 years old memory land. As an old student, I hope the University will, in due course celebrate its Centenary and Bicentenary too.

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The Trust of the Tamils

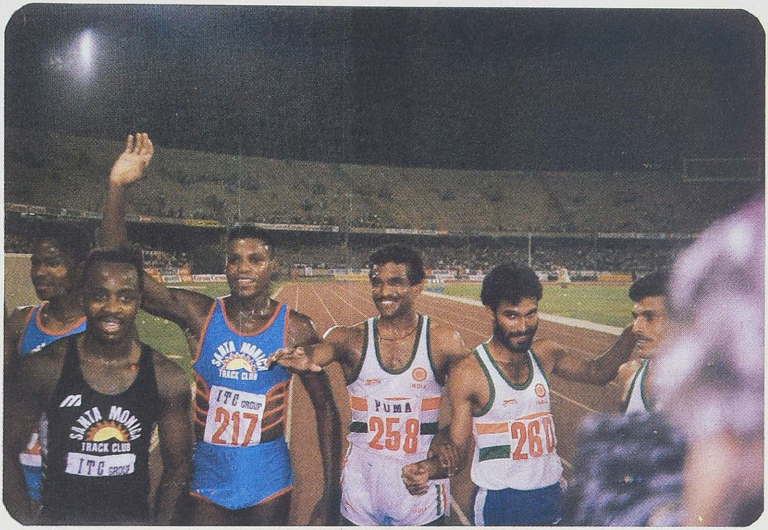
"My father very much desired to establish a University in Tamil Nadu for the development of higher learning, research and Tamil culture. The public and quite a number of eminent politicians have assisted my father in the establishment of the Annamalai University at Annamalainagar: a fact that cannot be ignored. However, this University is not the property of any single individual. As I have stated on many occasions on many platforms, this great University is the Trust of the Tamils and the property of Tamil Nadu."

A Prayer Answered

"My revered father had been praying hourly to Lord Nataraja for the development and success of the Annamlai University and for the growth of *Tamil Isai.* I realised the greatest joy, pleasure, happiness and peace in fulfilling my father's ideals.

I may say that the Annamalai University with its unique tradition of service to the people fostered by scholars engaged in teaching and research is the most enduring monument to my revered father."

- Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar



Ananda Natarajan with Carl Lewis on his left

R. Ananda Natarajan with Dr. K. Vaidyanathan and A. Rajan

Ananda Natarajan
Our Star Sprinter

Internationally known athletics champion, R. Ananda Natarajan, III year B.Pharm. Annamalai University, was spotted early in 1987, and coached ably by Dr. K. Vaithianathan of the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences. He was also heartily encouraged by all in the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology where he studies.

Ananda Natarajan first represented the University at the All India Inter University Athletics Meet, held in Calicut, in December '88. He not only won first places in the 100 Mts dash and 400 Mts relay events, but also emerged as a record-setter in the 200 Mts dash, by clocking 21.6 secs. The previous record set was by Baby Thomas, in 1967, with a time of 21.7 secs. Ananda Natarajan also gained the individual championship.

In February '89, Ananda Natarajan represented his country at the "Iran International Meet," in Teheran, where he won the Silver Medal in the 200 Mts Dash. A month later, representing Tamil Nadu, he participated in the All India Inter State Athletics Meet in Guntur, A.P., and won the Silver Medal.

At the Masters' Meet held in Trivandrum, in September '89, Ananda Natarajan secured the Gold Medal in both the 100 Mts and 200 Mts events. This enabled him to participate in the Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary International Invitation Meet in New Delhi, in September '89, and also later in Calcutta, in the same competition. As an international engagement, it saw 21 countries participating, and world-class athletes like Carl Lewis, Donney Campbell, Greg Foster, Said Aquita, Evelyn Ashford, and Sandra Patrick were the runners. Still, he secured the fourth and fifth positions in the 100 Mts, and 200 Mts., respectively. In the 400 Mts relay, he won the Silver Medal.

Then, Ananda Natarajan represented India in the IV South Asian Federation Games in Islamabad where he won the 100 Mts race, creating a new record of 10.68 secs, while the previous, record set by Shah Alam of Bangala Desh was 10.79 secs. Thus he established himself as "the fastest man" in South Asia. The Press, the T.V. and the sports magazines not only gave him a wide coverage, but also made him a celebrity athlete from Annamalai. At Islamabad he missed the Gold by a whisker — 200th of a second really — in the 200 Mts race, and had to be satisfied with the Silver Medal. Later, the Indian Contingent, with Ananda Natarajan in the Anchor Leg, won the 400 Mts relay, creating a new SAF record and a National Mark, after an interval of 12 years, with a time of 40.14 secs.

Ananda Natarajan also represented India in the VIII Asian Track and Field Meet in Delhi, in November '89. He clocked 10.66 secs in the 100 Mts run and thus bettered his earlier performances, and stood ninth. In the 200 Mts run, he showed his best 21.35 secs. in the heats and secured the 7th position in the final. Later, the Relay Team, which won the Gold in the SAF games, was declared qualified for the Commonwealth Games in Newzealand.

His Alma Mater warmly greets Ananda Natarajan at the beginning of his great career, and wishes him crowning successes in the days to come in the international arena of competitions.

Reminiscences

G. Aiyaru
Rtd. Professor of Physical Education

My association with the Annamalai University is in a sense, as old as the University itself. I entered it as a student of the Intermediate class in 1929, the year of its inception. I then, became a member of the Staff and finally, rose to be the Professor and Director of the Physical Education Department. I have made Annamalainagar my home since my retirement. I am really proud to recall my experiences at the University.

In the first place, I am glad to state that I was a contemporary of His Excellency Thiru R. Venkataraman, President of India, who also entered the University in 1929 as a student of the IV Honours class. He was elected Chairman of the student Union. The Union was very popular among the students who loved to participate in its activities.

Also, I recall the tremendous interest and involvement which the Founder, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar showed in the growth and development of the University. The Rajah knew every nook and corner of the campus so intimately that one could find him emerging all of a sudden from some part or other of the campus as if from nowhere. He had a penchant for quick decision and positive action so much so that he could not brook even the sight of a felled tree. He entrusted to the Registrar the job of getting things done without waiting for sanction from the authorities. The Rajah also took great care in choosing the right persons for appointment as Professors to the Faculties.

Of course, we had at that time only a few faculties like English, Tamil, Music, Sanskrit, History, Economics, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. The buildings also were very few. We had only the Arts block and the Science block and little else. The Oriental building came up sometime later. As for the hostels, we had just two blocks namely East Block and West Block. The daily mess rate averaged just 16 paise and the room rent charged was just a rupee.

I remember happily the time when His Excellency Dr. P.C Alexander was my colleague in the University. He took a great deal of interest in sports activities and, appropriately, he was a member of the Games Advisory Committe. He also participated in the University Union activities and had acted in English plays staged by the Staff Club.

As a sportsperson, I am even now excited to recall how the Boat Club came into existence. Thanks to the Founder's interest, the Boat Club started functioning from 1940 and the Boating Canal was dug up in an incredibly short time of three months. Not only that, the Rajah made it a point to go round the Boating Canal almost everytime he visited the campus.

Chancellors of the University

Jan. to June 1929	...	The Rt. Hon. Viscount Goschen of Hawkhurst
July to Dec. 1929	...	The Hon. Sir Norman Edward Marjoribanks
Jan. 1930 to April 1934	...	The Rt. Hon. Sir George Fredrick Stanley
May to August 1934	...	The Hon. Sir Muhammad Usman
Sept. 1934 to May 1936	...	His Excellency Lord Erskine
June 1936	...	The Hon. Sir K.V. Reddy Naidu
July 1936 to 1939	...	His Excellency Lord Erskine
1939 to 1946	...	His Excellency Sir Arthur Oswald James Hope
1946 to March, 1948	...	His Excellency General Sir Archibald Edward Nye
March 1948 to April 1952	...	His Highness Maharaja Shri Sir Krishna Kumar Singhji Bhavsinghji, The Maharaja of Bhavnagar
April 1952 to Dec. 1956	...	His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa
Dec. 1956 to Sept. 1957	...	His Excellency Thiru A.J. John
Oct. 1957 to Jan. 1958	...	His Excellency Dr. P.V. Rajamannar
Jan. 1958 to May 1964	...	His Excellency Shri Bishnuram Medhi
May 1964 to 1965	...	His Highness Maharajah Thiru Jayachamaraja Wadiar Bahadhur
1965 to June 1966	...	His Excellency Thiru P. Chandra Reddy, (Ag.) Chancellor
June 1966 to June 1971	...	His Excellency Thiru Sardar Ujjal Singh
July 1971 to May 1976	...	His Excellency Thiru K.K. Shah

June 1976 to April 1977	... His Excellency Thiru Mohanlal Sukhadia
May 1977 to Oct. 1980	... His Excellency Thiru Prabhudas Patwari
Oct. 1980 to Sept. 1982	... His Excellency Thiru Sadiq Ali
Sept. 1982 to Dec. 1987	... His Excellency Thiru S.L. Khurana
From Jan. 1988	... His Excellency Dr. P.C. Alexander

Founder Pro-Chancellors

1929 to June 1948	... Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Kt., LL.D., D.Litt.
June 1948 to May 1984	... Dr. Rajah Sir M.A. Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, Kt., B.A., D.Litt.
From June 1984	... Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, B.A., D.Litt.

Vice-Chancellors

Jan. to April 1929	...	The Rt. Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri
April 1929 to April 1931	...	Sir Dewan Bahadur S.E. Runganadhan
Sept. 1931 to April 1935	...	Sir Dewan Bahadur S.E. Runganadhan
June 1935 to Dec. 1936	...	The Rt. Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri
March, 1937 to Dec. 1938	...	The Rt. Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri
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The Dr. T.S. Raghavan Botany Prize
The Prof. R.V. Seshaiya Prize
The Chidambaram Dr. K. Rangaswami Pillai Medical
Service Silver Jubilee Prize
Tmt. Ranganayaki Ammal Rajarathinam Tamil Prize
The Navalar Nedunchezhiyan Golden Jubilee
Endowment Prizes.
The Professor V. Baliah Endowment
The Mr. & Mrs. S.R. Venkatarama Iyer English
Elocution Prize
Prof. N.P. Palaniappan Memorial Gold Medal
The Darba Suryanarayanan and Darba Subbalakshmi
Prize
The N.P. Palaniappan Elocution Prize
The Prof. R.V. Seshaiya Prize
The Prof. V. Ganapathi Aiyar Medals
The Prof. R.V. Seshaiya Gold Medal
The Smt. R. Kamakshi Prize
The Thiru S. Ramanujam Prize
The Augustine Mariadoss Pillai Endowment
The Goschen Memorial Scholarship
The Subramaniyam Memorial Scholarship
The Thiakesan Trust Scholarship
The Thiru Vi.Ka. Tamil Scholar Prize
The Prof. Balachandran Memorial Gold Medal.
The Prof. K. Venkateswaralu's Sashtiabdapurthi Prize
Swami Vipulananda Muthamizh Prize
The Annamalai University Engineering & Technology
Alumni Association Prize
The Thiru B.T. Seshadriachariar Endowment
Thiru A. Natarajan Prize Endowment
The Tamil Kadal Roya Cockalingam Lectureship
Endowment
Prof. B. Bakthavatsalu Naidu Commerce Prize
Kalyan Scholarships/Medals
The Prof. R. Bakthavatsalu Naidu Lectureship
Endowment
The Thiru S. Subramania Pillai Eightieth Birth
Day Prize
Prof. V. Baliah Medal from by Dr. V. Baliah

Shastiabdapurthi Celebration Committee
The Thiru Sornam Pillai Prize Endowment
Prof. S. Somasundara Bharathiar Prize
Dr. C.S. Venkareswaran Srimad Valmiki
Ramayana Prize
Adur Thiru M. Rathinasabapathy Pillai
Panniruthirumurai Saiva Siddhanta Endowment
The Thanthai Periyar Centenary Prize
The Tag Corporation Merit Award
The Dr. K. Rangaswami Pillai Manivizha Endowment
The Prof. V.V. Ramanujam 61st Birth Day Endowment
Endowment of Justice B.S. Somasundaram
Prof. L.P.K. Ramanathan Chettiar Endowment
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The Panayapati Sp. A. Annamalai Chettiar and
Nachiammai Achi Memorial Endowment
The Thiru S.R.N. Badri Rao Endowment
The Prof. S.V. Chittibabu Endowment
The AR. Lakshmi Achi Scholarship
The Colgate Palmolive (India) Endowment
The Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan Endowment
The Bharathi Centenary Endowment
The Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy Centenary Endowment
The Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad
Agriculture Silver Jubilee Gold Medal Prize for
B.Sc. (Ag.) Plant Pathology
The Dr. T.S. Raghavan Lectureship Endowment
The Prof. G. Rangaswami Gold Medal for M.Sc. (Ag.)
Students in Agricultural Microbilogy and Plant
Pathology instituted by Prof. G. Rangaswami's 60th
Birth Anniversary Celebrations Committee.
The Prof. PL. Ramaswamy Pon. Alagammai
Scholarship and Prizes
The Gujarat Agro Industries Gold Medal for M.Sc. (Ag.)
Students in Agricultural Entomology
Dr. (Prof.) R. Nanjunda Rao Educational Society
Book Prize
The Prof. R.V. Seshaiah Lectureship Endowment
The Thiru PL. Shanmuganar Endowment made by
Thiru S. Meyyappan Lecturer in Tamil
The Prof. G. Sankaranarayanan Lectureship
Endowment made by the Prof.
G. Sankaranarayanan Felicitation Committee
The Swamins Endowment offered by M/s. Swamins
Agro Chemicals Private Limited

The Vidwan Arumuga Mudaliar and Anbil Saravana Mudaliar Lectureship Endowment

Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad Agriculture Silver Jubilee Celebrations Award for the best filed demonstration in the Faculty of Agriculture, offered by Prof. K. Krishnamoorthy, International Agricultural Development Foundation

The Thirupampuram Swaminatha Pillai Endowment

The C.H. Veera Reddy AUETAA Endowment

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Dr. M.O. Mathew Endowment of ACAA

The Dr. M.A. Muthiah Chettiar endowment of ACAA

The Silver Jubilee Linguistics Scholarship Endowment

The AUETAA S. Rajagopal Endowment

Prof. K. Ganapathy Endowment

Dr. M. Natarajan Endowment

Dr. S.V. Chittibabu Endowment, endowed by the Citizens of South Arcot

The Thiru Subramani Pakkiripillai of South Africa Endowment

Dr. M. Kuppuswamy Endowment

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The Vanathi Yegappar Kalaiammai endowment instituted by Shri Y. Thirunavukkarasu, Proprietor M/s. Vanathi Pathippakkam

Thiru C. Meenakshisundaram Pillai Prizes Endowment

The Prof. M.C. Madhavan Endowment

The Prof. P. Govindan Genetics Excellence Endowment

The Prof. Ganesan Endowment

The Saijo Lion's Club Endowment

The India Abroad Foundation Endowment

KASI MUTT & OTHER ENDOWMENTS

The Thiruvalluvar Neethi Nool Prize by His Holiness Sri La Sri Kasivasi Thambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

Kavichakravarti Kambar Memorial Tamil Prize by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

The Sekkilar Nayanar Memorial Tamil Prize by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

The Sri Nambiandar Nambi Memorial Panniru

Thirumurai Prize

The Sri Manickavachaka Swamigal Memorial Ahaporul Tamil Prize

Srilasri Kasivasi Adikumaragurupara Swamigal Memorial Tamil Prosody Prize

- The Srilasri Kasivasi Chockalinga Swamigal Memorial Rhetoric Tamil Prize

The Meikanda Memorial Saiva Siddhanta Sastri Prize

The Srilasri Kasivasi Adikumara Gurupara Swamigal Memorial Saiva Siddhanta Sastra Prize by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

The Sri Thirugnanasambandamurthy Nayanar Memorial Isai Tamil Prize by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

Sri Kasivasi Adikumaragurupara Swamigal Memorial Tamil Prize by His Holiness Srilasri Kasivasi Swaminatha Tambiran Swamigal of Thiruppanandal

The Kottaiyur Sri Sivacolundu Desikar Memorial Tiruvachackam Prize

(The above 12 endowments were pooled together and are now styled as Srilasri Kasivasi Thiruppanandal Kasimutt Tamil Endowments for the award of incentives to students of M.A. Tamil)

KASI MUTT & OTHER ENDOWMENTS

The Raja Raja Abbaya Kula Sekhara Chola Maharaja Memorial Endowment (For Prizes & Publication) Publication)

Srilasri Kasivasi Adikumaragurupara Swamigal Memorial Saiva Siddhanta Scholarship Endowment

Sri Arulnandi Siva Charya Swamigal Sivagnana Siddhiar Lectureship endowment

Kottaiyur Sri Sivakkolundu Desikar Memorial Isai Tamil Prize

RAJAH SAHEB'S ENDOWMENT

Rajah Saheb Tamil Songs Endowment

Rajah Saheb Reading Room Endowment

Rajah Saheb Garden Gift Endowment

(Pooled together for award of incentives to M.A. Tamil students/Music festival)

RAJAH SAHEB'S ENDOWMENT

The Founder's Tamil Prize
Dr. Subbaroyan Tamil Pulavar Prize
The Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar Tamil Prize
The Vidwan Arunachalam Pillai 61st Birth Day Prize
The Vidwan Muthuswami Pillai 61st Birth Day Prize
The Mrs. Soundara Kailasam Advanced Tamil Prize
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The Thiru Vi.Ka. Tamil Scholar Prize
Prof. S. Somasundara Bharathiar Prize

(The above endowments were pooled together to award incentives to M.A. Tamil Students)

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Calendar of Events

1881 ... Birth of the Founder - Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar
1915 ... Establishment of the Ramaswami Chettiar High School, Chidambaram by Dewan Bahadur Ramaswami Chettiar, elder brother of Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar.
1920 ... The Sri Meenakshi College comes into being.
1922 ... B.A. Classes are inaugurated
1926 ... New Building is completed.
1927 ... The Government of Madras appoints the Tamil University Committee.
Honours Courses are introduced.
A Tamil College and a Sanskrit College are established. Sir Annamalai Chettiar's offer to hand over the three Colleges, all the buildings and an endowment of Rs. 20 lakhs is accepted.
1928 ... A Bill to establish and incorporate a residential University at Annamalainagar is published in the Fort St. George Gazette.
The Bill is introduced in the Madras Legislative Council.
The Select Committee presents its reports and the Annamalai University Bill is passed into law in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, good-will and gratitude.
1929 ... The College of Music is established.
The University is inaugurated.
Rt. Hon. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri was appointed Vice-Chancellor and as soon as he took over, he was appointed Agent General of the Government of India in South Africa.
Sir S.E. Runganadhan takes charge as Vice-Chancellor.
The Senate, the Syndicate and the Academic Council begin to function.
1930 ... The Senate is formally inaugurated.
1935 ... Rt. Hon'ble V.S. Srinivasa Sastri becomes Vice-Chancellor.
1936 ... A Conference of Tamil Music is held at Annamalainagar.
1940 ... Sir K.V. Reddi Nayudu takes charge as Vice-Chancellor.
1941 ... A conference for development of Tamil Music is held under the patronage of the Rajah Saheb, leading to the Tamil Isai Movement.
Shastiabdapurthi (61st Birthday) of the Founder is celebrated under the Presidency of Rt. Hon'ble Dr. M.R. Jayakar.
1942 ... Prof. M. Ruthnaswamy assumes office as Vice-Chancellor. D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) is conferred on Sir Arthur Hope, Governor of Madras & Chancellor, Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Founder Pro-Chancellor, His Highness Thiru Pamanabha Dasa Vanchi Pala Sir Balarama Varma, The Maharajah of Travancore. H.H. Sethu Parvathi Bai, the Maharani of Travancore.

1943 ... A gift of Rs. 5,00,001/- is offered by Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar for Technological Studies.
D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) is conferred on Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar.

1945 ... The Department of Engineering and Technology is opened.
The All India History Congress holds its Session.

1948 ... Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam takes over as Vice-Chancellor. The demise of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar.
Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar becomes Pro-Chancellor.
The Travancore Hostel donated by the Maharajah of Travancore is opened.
D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) is conferred on Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chetty.

1949 ... Opening of Population Research Institute with Dr. S. Chandrasekhar as the Professor. The National Cadet Corps starts functioning. Indian Universities Commission headed by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan visits the University. A Degree Course in Music is started.

1951 ... Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chetty assumes office as Vice-Chancellor.
The Tamil Research Department is instituted.
The Department of Agriculture is started.

1953 ... Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar becomes Vice-Chancellor. Visit of the President of India Dr. Rajendra Prasad.
The Department of Tamil (Oriental) comes into being.

1954 ... Visit of the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.
The International P.E.N. Conference is held in the Campus.
M.E. Degree Course in Structural Engineering started. First University in India to start M.E. Degree by Course-work.

1955 ... Silver Jubilee celebrations of the University; The unveiling of the statue of Dr. Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar by the Maharajah of Mysore, His Highness Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur; The opening of the Rani Seethai Achi Hostel by the Chief Minister of Madras Sri K. Kamaraj; The laying of the Foundation stone for the Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Library Building by His Excellency Shri Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras; The Conferment of Honorary Degrees on His Highness Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur The Raj Pramukh of Mysore, the Pro-Chancellor Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Sir S.E. Runganadhan, Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Prof. S. Somasundara Bharathiar and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.
Sri T.M. Narayanaswami Pillai assumes office as Vice-Chancellor.
The Department of Commerce is inaugurated.
The Dr. R.K. Shanmukham Chettiar Building is opened by the Vice-President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan.
The All India Oriental Conference meets.

1956 ... The Indian Philosophical Congress holds its session in Annamalainagar.

Honours Courses are introduced in Statistics and Geology.
Two new Departments, Rural and Social Welfare and Geology are created.
Underground sewage system and sewage disposal system commissioned.

1957 ... Inauguration of the Department of Dravidian Philosophy by Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee.
Introduction of the Pre-University, the Pre-Professional Courses in Engineering and Technology and the Post-Graduate course in Geology.
Visit of Dr. C.D. Deshmukh, Chairman, University Grants Commission.
Opening of the Buildings of the Marine Biological Station at Portonovo by Dr. Deshmukh.
Opening of the Open Air Theatre by Srimathi Durgabai Deshmukh.
Conferment of Honorary Degrees on Dr. P.V. Rajamannar and Dr. C.D. Deshmukh.

1958 ... Sri C. Subramaniam, Minister for Finance and Education, Madras State, inaugurates a Seminar on Education and Community Development. The Degree of D.Litt. *(Honoris Causa)* is conferred on Prof. M.S. Thacker, Secretary, Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs and Director General, C.S.I.R.
Three year Degree courses begun.
B.Sc. (Ag.) M.A. Linguistics and Post. M.Sc., Geology courses are started.
Muthiah Polytechnic is established by the University.

1959 ... The Degree of Doctor of Letters *(Honoris Causa)* is conferred on Prof. Humayun Kabir, Union Minister. The Indian Academy of Science Congress meets in the Campus under the Presidentship of Dr. C.V. Raman, Nobel Laureate.
The Indian Economic Association holds its (42nd) Annual session at Annamalainagar.
Two year Post-Graduate courses, M.A., M.Sc., M.Com., M.O.L., and B.Sc. (Ag.) degree courses are instituted.

1960 ... The University confers the degree of Doctor of Letters *(Honoris Causa)* on Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Union Minister.
M.A. Course in Linguistics is started.

1961 ... Justice V. Subrahmanyam assumes charge as Vice-Chancellor on May 1st.
M.A. Course in Psychology is started.
D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) ι) Degree is conferred on His Excellency John Kenneth Galbraith, Ambassador of United States in India.

1962 ... After the death of Justice V. Subrahmanyam in October Dr. Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar becomes Vice-Chancellor in November.
M.Sc. in Marine Biology, M.Ed., Certificate in Librarianship Courses

are instituted. Two year M.E., Courses in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical started.

1963 ... A Conference of the Vice-Chancellors of the South Indian Universities is held at Annamalainagar.
The Centre for Advanced Study in Marine Biology is established.
A Course in Spoken English is instituted.
Certificate and Diploma Courses in Bengali and Sanskrit, B.O.L. degree in Sanskrit, M.A. degree in French and B.A. degree in Psychology and 2 year M.Sc. Engineering Courses are started.

1964 ... Indian Political Science Conference is held at Annamalainagar.
A Seminar on Student services sponsored by USIS and UGC is held.
Diploma Course in German and Hindi and Part-time Courses in M.Sc. Engineering are started.
The Chemical Engineering Block is opened by the Maharajah of Mysore, then Governor of Madras.
Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar opens the New Civil Engineering Laboratory.

1965 ... The University celebrates the Shastiabdapurti of Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar of Chettinad, Pro-Chancellor.
Thiru M. Baktavatsalam, Chief Minister of Madras, opens the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau.
The new block of the Engineering College is opened.
The 26th All-India Inter-University Sports meet is held at Annamalainagar, General Cariappa presiding.
A diploma course in French is started.
A two-year Part-time Certificate Course in Music for Pulavar Students is started.

1966 ... Guest House-cum-Staff Club and the Agriculture Hostel Buildings are opened.
Justice Thiru P. Chandra Reddy becomes Vice-Chancellor in November. Eight week Intensive Course in Spoken Tamil, Full-time Diploma Course in Tamil are introduced.

1967 ... USIS, Madras, organises an Inter-Disciplinary Seminar at the University.
A Chapter of the World University Service is started in the University.

1968 ... The degree of Doctor of Letters *(Honoris Causa)* is conferred on Dr. Zakhir Hussain, President of India, and Thiru C.N. Annadurai, Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.

1969 ... The World University Chapter holds a Book Exhibition and starts a Book Bank.
The Semester System is introduced in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

1970 ... Dr. S.P. Adinarayan is appointed Vice-Chancellor in August.

1971 ... The All India University Tamil Teachers' Conference is held at Annamalainagar.
The degree of Doctor of Letters (*Honoris Causa*) is conferred on Hon'ble M. Karunanidhi, Chief Minister of Tamilnadu.
Dr. M. Karunanidhi lays the foundation stone for Research Scholars Hostel
H.E. K.K. Shah, Governor of Tamilnadu lays the Foundation stone for Humanities, Inter-disciplinary Lecture, Seminar and Library Building.
The University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau holds a Career Exhibition.

1972 ... A separate Department of Hindi and Urdu is created.

1973 ... The Triple Benefit Scheme for the staff is introduced. Tamil Medium is introduced in the B.A. Classes, the M.O.L. Course is revived.

1974 ... The B.O.L. Course is revived.
The Semester System is introduced in all courses.
A degree course in Physical Education is started.
Tourism as a subject is introduced in the B.A. Course

1975 ... Tamil Medium is introduced in the B.Com. Course
Winter-cum-Summer course in M.Ed. is started.

1976 ... The Family Benefit Scheme for (non-teaching) staff is introduced.
Dr. S. Chandrasekar assumes charge as Vice-Chancellor in September.
The Centre of Population Studies is revived.

1977 ... Part-time M.Sc. (Ag.) Course is inaugurated. The Semester System is introduced in the P.G. Courses.

1978 ... The Department of Business Administration is introduced. Master of Business Administration Course and M.A. (Demography) Courses are started
Justice B. S. Somasundaram (Retd.) assumes office as Vice-Chancellor in September.
The Faculty of Law and the Department of Legal Studies are introduced.
B.L. Course is started.
B.E. and M.E. Part-time Degree Courses are started. The Engineering Degree Course is diversified into six courses viz. a) Civil, b) Civil and Structural c) Mechanical, d) Mechanical and Production, e) Electrical and Electronics and f) Electronics and Instrumentation, and Department of Structural Engineering is formed.

1979 ... A Directorate of Correspondence Courses is established. B.Ed., B.Com and Diploma Courses in some aspects of Law are started.
Starting of Computer Centre
The Golden Jubilee of the University is celebrated in December.
The Faculty of Medicine is established and Dental Wing is inaugurated.

D. Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) is conferred onthe following eminent persons:
Acharya J.B. Kriplani, Hon'ble Thiru M.P. Sivagnanam, Chairman, Tamilnadu Legislative Council,
Dr. V.Sp. Manickam, Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University.
Thiru M.A.M. Ramaswamy, President, Indian Hockey Federation.
Thiru Vaidya Subramanya Iyer, President Mylapore Academy.
Dr. T.P. Meenakshi Sundaram, Former Vice-Chancellor, Madurai Kamaraj University.
Dr. T.M.P. Mahadevan, Former Professor of Philosophy, University of Madras.
Dr. S.G. Manavala Ramanujam, Former Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University.
Dr. S.P. Adinarayan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University.
Thiru Madurai S. Somasundaram, Head of the Department of Music, Annamalai University.
LL.D.:
Hon'ble Justice Thiru V.R. Krishna Iyer of Supreme Court.
Hon'ble Justice Thiru M.M. Ismail, Chief Justice, Madras High Court.
Hon'ble Justice Thiru S. Maharajan, Former Judge of Madras High Court.
Hon'ble Justice Thiru B.S. Somasundaram (Retd.), Vice-Chancellor, Annamalai University.
D.Sc.:
Prof. G.R. Damodaran, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras.

1980 ... Rajah Muthiah Dental College & Hospital is established and B.D.S. Course is introduced. B.A., B.Litt., M.A. Philosophy, Psychology, History, Tamil, English, Sociology, M.Sc. Mathematics, Physics, Diploma in Law of Taxation Courses are introduced in the Directorate of Correspondence Courses.
Trimester System for B.Sc. Agriculture is introduced. Prof. S.V. Chittibabu assumes charge as Vice-Chancellor.

1981 ... The Birth Centenary of Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, Founder Pro-Chancellor is celebrated.
Under-Graduate courses are shed.
Separate Departments of Political Science, Statistics, Agricultural Botany, Agronomy, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Microbiology are set up.
Thiru A. Rajan, final B.E. student secures Gold Medal in the Fourth South Asian Track and Field Championship at Tokyo.

1982 ... Commemoration volume to mark the Birth Centenary of Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathi is published on behalf of the Government of Tamilnadu. XVI Indian Sociological Conference is held.

B.Pharm. and D.Pharm. Courses are introduced.

1983 ... The 59th Annual Conference of the Association of Indian Universities is held at Annamalainagar.

The Study Centres under the Directorate of Correspondence Courses, at Nagercoil, Trichy, Madras, Salem and New Delhi are set up.

Prof. S.V. Chittibabu is appointed Vice-Chancellor for the second term.

B.Sc. Nursing Course is introduced.

1984 ... Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar, Second Founder Pro-Chancellor passes away.

Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy becomes the Founder Pro-Chancellor.

Post B.Sc. Diploma in Computer Programming and Certificate Courses in Folklore and Journalism are introduced. Curriculum of various courses are restructured and updated.

M.Sc. Courses in Chemistry and Zoology and three Diploma Courses are introduced under Correspondence Education.

His Excellency Thiru R. Venkataraman, Vice-President of India inaugurates the 45th All India History Congress.

The Pharmacy Council of India recognises the Department of Pharmacy of this University.

1985 ... Rajah Muthiah Institute of Health Sciences is started.

Prof. S.V. Chittibabu, Vice-Chancellor elected as the Vice-President of the Association of Indian Universities.

The National Youth Festival (South Zone) sponsored by the AIU is organised and conducted.

Prof. S.V. Chittibabu, Vice-Chancellor, elected the President of the AIU.

M.B.B.S., P.G. Diploma in Banking Law and Practice, Certificate Courses in Reprography and Non-Book materials, are introduced.

B.Sc. Maths, B.A. Economics are introduced in D.C.C. & C.E.

1986 ... A Special Convocation is held to confer Doctorate Degrees *(Honoris Causa)* on the following persons of eminence in Commemoration of the 81st Birth Day Celebration of the Second Founder Pro-Chancellor Dr. Rajah Sir Muthiah Chettiar:

1) Mr. C. Subramaniam,
2) Thirumuruga Kirupananda Variar,
3) Thiru V.C. Sivaji Ganesan,
4) Thiru Chitra S. Narayanasamy,
5) Thiru T.V. Ramanujam
6) Prof. S.V. Chittibabu,
7) Dr. N.A. Palkhiwala,
8) Shri Sunil Manohar Gavaskar.

The Silver Jubilee of the Faculty of Agriculture and CAS in Linguistics are celebrated. A Five-day Inter-University Youth

Festival sponsored by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Government of India and AIU is celebrated.
Title of Natanamamani, M.B.A., (Part-time) P.G. Diploma in Linguistics, B.Music, M.P.Ed., P.G. Diploma in Population Education are introduced.
B.Com. Tamil Medium, Four P.G. Diploma in Management Courses are introduced under D.D.E.
His Excellency Thiru S.L. Khurana declares open the Rajah Muthiah Building, D.D.E.

1987 ... Prof. Rm. Sethunarayanan, former student and a member of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, assumes charge as Vice-Chancellor.
M.Sc. Agricultural Economics, M.Sc. Coastal Aquaculture, M.D.S. in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, M.C.A., B.E. Part-time in Mechanical and Production, M.Phil. Sequential Programme are introduced and various Diploma Courses are introduced in D.D.E.
Silver Jubilee of CAS in Marine Biology is celebrated.
M.C.A. Degree Course is introduced.

1988 ... His Excellency Thiru R. Venkataraman, the President of India declares open the RMIHS Building.
Opening of Hospital Complex by Dr. P.C. Alexander, Governor of Tamilnadu.
A Special Function is held on 20th December, 1988 to offer felicitation to the distinguished alumni of the University.
Opening of Agriculture Block by Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy, Pro-Chancellor, Annamalai University.
Opening of Meenakshi Block by Tmt. Sigappi Ramaswamy.
Diversification of M.Sc. Chemistry into M.Sc. in Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry and M.Sc. Bio-Chemistry, M.D.S. Course in Pedodontia, Periodontia, Orthodontia are introduced.
B.G.L., M.Sc. Botany, B.A. Sociology (Tamil Medium) are introduced under Distance Education.
B.E. Degree in Computer Science is introduced with the approval of the AICTE.
40 Year Saga of Faculty of Engineering and Technology is celebrated.
Shri Rajiv Gandhi Prime Minister of India visits this University among other places of Tamilnadu.

1989 ... Golden Jubilee Building is declared open by Hon'ble Prof. K. Anbazhagan, Minister for Education, Government of Tamilnadu.
The Kumararajah Muthiah Hostel for Medical Students and additional block of New Guest House are declared open by Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy Pro-Chancellor.

M.Sc. Agriculture (Genetics and Plant Breeding) & M.L.I.S. are introduced.

Diploma Courses in Bank Management, Construction Management and Co-operation are introduced in D.D.E.

Opening of D.D.E. Building by Hon'ble Thiru P. Chidambaram, Minister of State for Home Affairs.

Thiru Ananda Natarajan of B.Pharmacy wins the 1st Place in 100 M and 100 M Relay and II Place in 200 Metres in the Athletic Meet at SAF Games held at Islamabad.

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